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LIFE OF JOHN MILTON.

FROM a family and town of his name in Oxford-hire, our author derived his descent; but he was born at London, in the year 1608. His father, John Milton, by profession a scrivener, lived in a reputable manner on a competent estate, entirely his own acquisition, having been early disinherited by his parents for renouncing the communion of the church of Rome, to which they were zealously devoted.

Our author was the favourite of his father's hopes who, to cultivate the great genius which early displayed itself, was at the expense of a domestic tutor; whose care and capacity his pupil hath gratefully celebrated in an excellent Latin elegy. At his initiation he is said to have applied himself to letters with such indefatigable industry, that he rarely was prevailed upon to quit his studies before midnight which not only made him frequently subject to severe pains in his head, but likewise occasioned that weakness in his *eyes*, which terminated in a total privation *of sight*. *From* a domestic education he *removed to St.* Paul's School, to complete his *uintance with* the classics, under the care of *; and after* a short stay there, was trans *hrist College* in Cambridge, where he

duity and success.

After some years spent in this studi
his mother died, and then he prev
father to gratify an inclination he had
ed of seeing foreign countries. Sir E
at that time provost of Eton College, ga
of advice for the direction of his tra
employed his curiosity about two ye
and Italy, on the news of a civil war b
England, he returned, without takin
Greece and Sicily, as at his setting o
was projected. At Paris the Lord Vi
more, ambassador from King Charles I
of France, introduced him to the acq
Grotius, who at that time was honou
same character there by Christiana, Q
den. In Rome, Genoa, Florence, and
Italy, he contracted a familiarity wit

ter of Richard Powel, of Forrest-hill in Ox-
a gentleman of estate and reputation in
ty, and of principles so very opposite to
-law, that the marriage is more to be won-
han the separation which ensued, in little
a month after she had cohabited with him
n. Her desertion provoked him both to
eral treatises concerning the doctrine and
of divorce, and also to pay his addresses
g lady of great wit and beauty; but before
gaged her affections to conclude the mar-
ty, in a visit to one of his relations, he
wife prostrate before him, imploring for-
and reconciliation. It is not to be doubted
terview of that nature, so little expected,
derfully affect him; and, perhaps, the im-
it made on his imagination, contributed
he painting of that pathetic scene in *Para-*
* in which Eve addresseth herself to Adam
n and peace. At the intercession of his
ho were present, after a short reluctance,
usly sacrificed all his resentment to her

"Soon his heart relented
rds her, his life so late and sole delight,
t his feet submissive in distress."

this re-union, so far was he from retaining
d memory of the provocations which he
ved from her ill conduct, that when the
se was entirely suppressed, and her father
been active in his loyalty, was exposed to
tions, *Milton* received both him and his
protection, and free entertainment, in his
till their affairs were accommodated
in the victorious faction.

* Book X.

:r, the keenness of his pen
ended him to Cromwell's esteem, that
the reins of government into his own l
anced him to be Latin Secretary, both t
d the Parliament; the former of these
he enjoyed both under the usurper a
ne other until King Charles II. was res
ome time he had an apartment for his fam
ehall; but his health requiring a freer acc
r, he was obliged to remove thence to lo
h opened into St. James' Park. Not lon
settlement there his wife died in child-b
h about the time of her death, a gutta
ch had for several years been gradually
, totally extinguished his sight. In this
ly condition, he was easily prevailed with
taking another wife, who was Catha
ghter of Captain Woodcock, of Hack
too, in less than a year after their marr
fortunate manner as the f

ginals, whatever authors he wanted to consult, th they understood none but their mother-tongue.

We come now to take a survey of him in point of view, in which he will be looked upon b succeeding ages with equal delight and admira An interval of about twenty years had elapsed he wrote the Mask of Comus, L'Allegro, Il P roso, and Lycidas, all in such an exquisite st that, though he had left no other monuments o genius behind him, his name had been immo but neither the infirmities of age and constitu nor the vicissitudes of fortune, could depres vigour of his mind, or divert it from executi design he had long conceived of writing a h poem.* The fall of man was a subject that he some years before fixed on for a tragedy, whic intended to form by the models of antiquity; some, not without probability, say, the play o with that speech in the fourth book of *Paradise* line 32, which is addressed by Satan to the Were it material, I believe I could produce passages, which more plainly appear to have originally intended for the scene: but whatever there may be in this report, it is certain that h not begin to mould his subject, in the form wh bears now, before he had concluded his contro with Salmasius and More, when he had wholl the use of his eyes, and was forced to employ, office of an amanuensis, any friend who accide paid him a visit. Yet, under all these disco ments and various interruptions, in the year 16 published his *Paradise Lost*, the noblest poem to those of Homer and Virgil) that ever th man produced in any age or nation. Need any other evidence of its inestimable worth the finest geniuses who have succeeded

* Paradise Lost Book IX, line 2

[illegible] no more than fifteen pounds of which valuable consideration, depe sale of three numerous impressions. bly may personal prejudice affect the performances!

About two years after, he publishe *gained;* but *Oh! what a falling off* which I will say no more, than that th a more remarkable instance of the fra reason, than our author gave in prefer to *Paradise Lost.*

And thus having attended him to th year of his age, as closely as such im as men of letters and retirement usu guide our inquiry, would allow, it now to be recorded, that in the year 1674, t period to his life, at Bunhill, near L whence his body [illegible]

ioned, nervous, and active, serviceable in all respe
o his exercising the sword, in which he much
ighted; and wanted neither skill nor courage to
ent an affront from men of the most athletic consti
ions. In his diet he was abstemious; not delicate in
hoice of his dishes; and strong liquors of all kir
vere his aversion. His deportment was erect, op
ffable; his conversation easy, cheerful, instructiv
is wit on all occasions at command, facetious, gra
satirical, as the subject required. His judgme
when disengaged from religion and political specu
tions was just and penetrating, his apprehensi
quick, his memory tenacious of what he read,
eading only not so extensive as his genius, for t
was universal. And having treasured up such
immense store of science, perhaps the faculties of
oul grew more vigorous after he was deprived
ight; and his imagination (naturally sublime a
nlarged by reading romances, of which he was mu
namoured in his youth) when it was wholly
tracted from material objects, was more at liberty
make such amazing excursions into the ideal wor
when, in composing his divine work, he was tempt
to range

"Beyond the visible diurnal sphere."

With so many accomplishments, not to have h
some faults and misfortunes to be laid in the balar
with the fame and felicity of writing *Paradise L*
would have been too great a portion for humanity

ELIJAH FENTON

ON

PARADISE LOST.

I beheld the Poet blind, yet bold,
ider book his vast design unfold;
h crown'd, God's reconcil'd decree,
ng angels, the forbidden tree,
n, hell, earth, chaos, all! the argument
ne a while misdoubting his intent;
ne would ruin (for I saw him strong)
cred truths to fable, and old song;
ason grop'd the temple's post in spite,
orld overwhelming, to revenge his sight.

as I read, soon growing less severe,
his project, the success did fear;
gh that wide field how he his way should find,
hich lame faith leads understanding blind
perplex'd the things he would explain,
hat was easy he should render vain.

f a work so infinite he spann'd,
I was that some less skilful hand
as disquiet always what is well,
ill imitating would excel)
hence presume the whole creation's day
nge in scenes, and show it in a play.

lon me, mighty Poet, nor despise,
useless, yet not impious surmise.
m now convinc'd, and none will dare
thy labours to pretend a share.
ast not miss'd one thought that could be fit,
that was improper dost omit;
o room is here for writers left,
tect their ignorance, or theft.

So never nags, but always keeps o

Where couldst thou words of suc
Whence furnish such a vast expans
Just heaven thee, like Tiresias, to r
Rewards with prophecy thy loss of

Well might'st thou scorn thy rea
With tinkling rhyme, of thy own se
While the Town-bays writes all the
And, like a pack-horse, tires withou
Their fancies like our bushy points a
The poets tag them, we for fashion
I, too, transported by the mode, con
And while I mean to praise thee mu
Thy verse created like thy theme sul
In number, weight, and measure, nee

ANDREW

PARADISE LOST.

BOOK I.

THE ARGUMENT.

first book proposes first, in brief, the whole subject,
n's disobedience, and the loss thereupon of Para-
e, wherein he was placed. Then touches the
me cause of his fall, the serpent, or rather Satan
the serpent; who revolting from God, and drawo-
to his side many legions of angels, was, by the
mand of God, driven out of heaven with all his
w into the great deep. Which action passed over,
poem hastes into the midst of things, presenting
an with his angels now fallen into hell, described
e, not in the centre (for heaven and earth may be
posed as yet not made, certainly not yet accursed)
in a place of utter darkness fitliest called Chaos:
re Satan, with his angels, lying on the burning
e, thunder-struck and astonished, after a certain
ce recovers, as from confusion, calls up him who
t in order and dignity lay by him; they confer of
ir miserable fall. Satan awakens all his legions,
o lay till then in the same manner confounded;
y rise; their numbers, array of battle, their chief
ders named according to the idols known after-
rds in Canaan, and the countries adjoining. To
se Satan directs his speech, comforts them with
e yet of regaining heaven; but tells them lastly
new world, and new kind of creature to be crea-
, according to an ancient prophecy or report in
wen; (for that angels were long before this visible
ation, was the opinion of many ancient fathers.)
find out the truth of this prophecy, and what to
rmine thereon, he refers to a full council. Wh
associates thence attempt. Pandemonium, t
e of Satan, rises, suddenly built out of the de
fernal peers there sit in council.

in the beginning how the heavens a
Rose out of Chaos. Or if Sion hill
Delight thee more, and Siloa's brool
Fast by the oracle of God; I thence
Invoke thy aid to my advent'rous sc
That with no middle flight intends t
Above th' Aonian mount, while it pu
Things unattempted yet in prose or

And chiefly thou, O spirit that doe
Before all temples th' upright heart a
Instruct me, for thou know'st: thou t
Wast present, and, with mighty wing
Dove-like sat'st brooding on the vast
And mad'st it pregnant: what in me
Illumine! what is low, raise and supp
That to the height of this great argun
I may assert eternal Providence,
And justify the ways of God to men.

Say first, (for heaven hides nothing
Nor the deep tract of hell,) say first w
Mov'd our grand parents, in that happ

pt. Him the Almighty power
flaming from th' ethereal sky, 45
n and combustion, down
rdition, there to dwell
ains and penal fire,
th' Omnipotent to arms.
ace that measures day and night
e with his horrid crew 51
olling in the fiery gulf,
gh immortal! But his doom
nore wrath: for now the thought
iness, and lasting pain, 55
Round he throws his baleful eyes,
uge affliction and dismay,
ate pride, and steadfast hate,
angels' ken, he views
ion waste and wild: 60
le, on all sides round,
ace, flam'd: yet from those flames
er darkness visible,
scover sights of wo,
v! doleful shades! where peace 65
er dwell! hope never comes,
l: but torture without end
fiery deluge, fed
g sulphur unconsum'd!
d justice had prepar'd 70
us; here their prison ordain'd,
; and their portion set
om God, and light of heaven,
e thrice to th' utmost pole.
place from which they fell! 75
nions of his fall, o'erwhelm'd
whirlwinds of tempestuous fire,
: and welt'ring by his side
in power, and next in crime,
n in Palestine, and nam'd 80
whom the arch-enemy,
aven called Satan,) with bold words,
rid silence thus began:

e—But O how fall'n! how chang'd
the happy realms of light 85
scendant brightness, didst outshine
right! If he, whom mutual leagu

(Though chang'd in outward lustre
And high disdain from sense of inju
That with the Mightiest rais'd me t
And to the fierce contention brought
Innumerable force of spirits arm'd,
That durst dislike his reign: and n
His utmost power with adverse pov
In dubious battle on the plains of h
And shook his throne. What though
All is not lost; the unconquerable
And study of revenge, immortal hat
And courage never to submit or yie
(And what is else not to be overcon
That glory never shall his wrath or
Extort from me, to bow and sue for
With suppliant knee, and deify his
Who from the terror of his arm so l
Doubted his empire. That were lo
That were an ignominy and shame
This downfall! since (by fate) the
And this empyreal substance canno
Since through experience of this gre
(In arms not worse, in foresight mu

er'd heaven's perpetual King
f his high supremacy:
by strength, or chance, or fate,
nd rue the dire event,
verthrow and foul defeat, 135
ven: and all this mighty host
action laid thus low,
nd heavenly essences,
the mind and spirit remains
igor soon returns, 140
lory extinct, and happy state,
up in endless misery!
ir conqueror (whom I now
Almighty, since no less
have o'erpower'd such force as ours)
our spirit and strength entire, 145
r and support our pains;
suffice his vengeful ire,
ier service, as his thralls
whate'er his business be, 150
of hell to work in fire,
in the gloomy deep?
avail, though yet we feel
nish'd, or eternal being,
al punishment?" 155
eedy words th' arch-fiend replied:

ib! to be weak is miserable,
g: but of this be sure,
l never will be our task;
our sole delight: 160
trary to his high will
If then his providence
ek to bring forth good,
be to pervert that end,
still to find means of evil: 165
may succeed, so as perhaps
if I fail not, and disturb
els from their destin'd aim.
ry Victor hath recall'd
engeance and pursuit, 170
of heaven: the sulph'rous hail
rm, o'er-blown, hath laid
it from the precipice
us falling: and the thunder,

Casts pale and dreadful? thither let u
From off the tossing of these fiery wav
There rest, if any rest can harbour the
And re-assembling our afflicted power
Consult how we may henceforth most
Our enemy; our own loss how repair;
How overcome this dire calamity;
What reinforcement we may gain fron
If not, what resolution from despair."

Thus Satan talking to his nearest m
With head uplift above the wave, and
That sparkling blaz'd; his other parts
Prone on the flood, extended long and
Lay floating many a rood: in bulk as
As whom the fables name, of monstro
Titanian, or Earth-born, that warr'd o
Briareus, or Typhon, whom the den
By ancient Tarsus held; or that sea-l
Leviathan, which God of all his work
Created hugest that swim th' ocean st
(Him, haply slumb'ring on the Norwa
The pilot of some small night-founder'

him seduc'd; but on himself
sion, wrath, and vengeance pour'd. 220
pright he rears from off the pool
stature; on each hand the flames
ward slope their pointing spires, and roll'd
ave i' th' midst a horrid vale.
xpanded wings he steers his flight 225
bent on the dusky air,
usual weight: till on dry land
it were land that ever burn'd
as the lake with liquid fire:
pear'd in hue, as when the force 230
ean wind transports a hill
elorus, or the shatter'd side
g Ætna, whose combustible
ntrails thence conceiving fire,
h mineral fury, aid the winds, 235
singed bottom all involv'd
and smoke; such resting found the sole
feet! Him follow'd his next mate,
g to have 'scap'd the Stygian flood,
f by their own recover'd strength; 240
uff'rance of supernal power.

he region, this the soil, the clime,"
e lost archangel, "this the seat,
st change for heaven? this mournful gloom
estial light? be it so! since he 245
sovereign can dispose, and bid
be right: farthest from him is best,
on hath equall'd, force hath made supreme
uals. Farewell, happy fields,
for ever dwells! hail, horrors! hail, 250
ld! and thou profoundest hell
new possessor! One, who brings
to be chang'd by place or time.
its own place, and in itself
heaven of hell, a hell of heaven. 255
r where, if I be still the same,
should be, all but less than he
ter hath made greater? Here at least
ree; th' Almighty hath not built
ry; will not drive us hence: 26
eign secure; and in my choice
th ambition, though in hell;

So Satan spake, and him Beelzeb
Thus answer'd: "Leader of those a
Which but th' Omnipotent none cou
If once they hear that voice, their liv
Of hope in fears and dangers, heard
In worst extremes, and on the perilo
Of battle when it rag'd, in all assaul
Their surest signal, they will soon re
New courage, and revive, though no
Grov'ling and prostrate on yon lake
(As we erewhile,) astounded and an
No wonder, fallen such a pernicious

He scarce had ceas'd, when the su
Was moving toward the shore; his p
Etherial temper, massy, large, and r
Behind him cast; the broad circumf
Hung on his shoulders like the moon
Through optic glass the Tuscan arti
At ev'ning from the top of Fesole,
Or in Valdarno, to descry new lands
Rivers, or mountains, on her spotty

ed-Sea coast, whose waves o'er-
emphian chivalry, [threw
ous hatred they pursu'd
Goshen, who beheld
e their floating carcasses, 310
t-wheels: so thick bestrown,
these, covering the flood,
of their hideous change.
hat all the hollow deep
"Princes, Potentates, 315
ver of heaven! once yours, now
nt as this can seize [lost,
have ye chosen this place
ttle to repose
ie, for the ease you find 320
s in the vales of heaven?

Their great commander; godlike sh
Excelling human, princely dignities,
And powers! that erst in heaven sat
Though of their names in heavenly r
Be no memorial; blotted out and raz
By their rebellion, from the books of
Nor had they yet among the sons of
Got them new names; till wand'rin
Through God's high sufferance for th
By falsities and lies the greatest part
Of mankind they corrupted, to forsak
God their Creator, and th' invisible
Glory of him that made them, to tra
Oft to the image of a brute, adorn'd
With gay religions full of pomp and
And devils to adore for deities:
Then were they known to men by v
And various idols through the heath

Say, Muse, their names then kn
who last,
Rous'd from the slumber, on that fier
At their great emperor's call, as next

h, horrid king, besmear'd with blood
ıcrifice, and parents' tears;
the noise of drums and timbrels loud,
en's cries unheard, that pass'd thro' fire
idol. Him the Ammonite 395
in Rabba, and her watery plain
ıd in Basan, to the stream
.rnon. Nor content with such
.eighbourhood, he wisest heart 400
he led by fraud, to build
ight against the temple of God,
obrious hill; and made his grove
t valley of Hinnom, Tophet thence
Gehenna called, the type of hell. 405
ıs, th' obscene dread of Moab's sons,
to Nebo, and the wild
t Abarim; in Hesebon
.im, Seon's realm, beyond
dale of Sibma, clad with vines; 410
to th' Asphaltic pool:
er name, when he entic'd
.im, on their march from Nile,
ranton rites, which cost them wo.
ıis lustful orgies he enlarg'd 415
. hill of scandal, by the grove
omicide; lust hard by hate;
siah drove them thence to hell
came they, who from the bord'ring flood
rates, to the brook that parts 420
Syrian ground, had general names
.nd Ashtaroth; those male,
ine: (For spirits when they please
ex assume, or both; so soft
ounded is their essence pure; 425
nanacled with joint or limb,
on the brittle strength of bones,
us flesh; but in what shape they choose,
ondens'd, bright or obscure,
their airy purposes, 430
of love or enmity fulfil.)
race of Israel oft forsook
trength, and unfr quente l left
ıltar, bowing lowly down
; for which their heads as low 4
battle, sunk before the spear

Begun'd by fair [illegible]
To idols foul. Thammuz came next behi
Whose annual wound in Lebanon allur'd
The Syrian damsels, to lament his fate
In amorous ditties all a summer's day;
While smooth Adonis from his native roc
Ran purple to the sea, suppos'd with bloo
Of Thammuz yearly wounded: the love-
Infected Sion's daughters with like heat;
Whose wanton passions in the sacred poi
Ezekiel saw, when, by the vision led,
His eye survey'd the dark idolatries
Of alienated Judah. Next came one
Who mourn'd in earnest, when the capti
Maim'd his brute image, head and hands
In his own temple, on the grunsel edge,
Where he fell flat, and sham'd his worshi
Dagon his name; sea monster! upward
And downward fish: yet had his temple
Rear'd in Azotus, dreaded through the co
Of Palestine, in Gath, and Ascalon,
And Accaron, and Gaza's frontier bound
Him follow'd Rimmon, whose delightful
Was fair Damascus, on the fertile banks

uman. Nor did Israel 'scape
when their borrow'd gold compos'd
eb; and the rebel king
in in Bethel, and in Dan, 485
laker to the grazed ox,
in one night, when he pass'd
narching, equall'd with one stroke
orn and all her bleating gods.
st, than whom a spirit more lewd 490
heaven, or more gross to love
: to him no temple stood,
d; yet who more oft than he
d at altars, when the priest
as did Eli's sons, who fill'd 495
violence the house of God?
palaces he also reigns,
ous cities, where the noise
above their loftiest towers,
d outrage: and when night 500
reets, then wander forth the sons
n with insolence and wine:
reets of Sodom, and that night
en the hospitable door
ron, to avoid worse rape. 505

the prime, in order and in might;
long to tell, though far renown'd,
ls, of Javan's issue held
ess'd later than heaven and earth,
parents. Titan, (heaven's first born,)
nous brood, and birthright seiz'd 511
turn: he from mightier Jove,
Rhea's son,) like measure found
ing reign'd: these first in Crete,
n; thence on the snowy top 515
ous rul'd the middle air,
heaven; or on the Delphian cliff,
and through all the bounds
; or who with Saturn old
a to th' Hesperian fields, 520
eltic roam'd the utmost isles.

more came flocking, but with looks
mp; yet such wherein appear'd
ipse of joy, to have found their c

... trumpets loud, and clarions, b
His mighty standard: that proud
Azazel as his right, a cherub tall;
Who forthwith from the glittering
Th' imperial ensign; which, full
Shone like a meteor streaming to
With gems and golden lustre rich
Seraphic arms and trophies; all th
Sonorous metal blowing martial so
At which the universal host up sen
A shout that tore hell's concave; a
Frighted the reign of Chaos and ol
All in a moment through the gloon
Ten thousand banners rise into the
With orient colours waving: with
A forest huge of spears; and thron
Appear'd, and serried shields in thi
Of depth immeasurable: anon the
In perfect phalanx, to the Dorian m
Of flutes, and soft recorders; such
To height of noblest temper heroes
Arming to battle; and instead of r
Deliberate valour breath'd, firm, an
With dread of death ...

es and stature as of gods; 570
ver last he sums. And now his heart
th pride, and hard'ning in his strength
r never since created man
nbodied-force, as nam'd with these
more than that small infantry 575
oy cranes; though all the giant brood
with th' heroic race were join'd,
at Thebes and Ilium, on each sid
auxiliar gods: and what resounds
omance of Uther's son, 580
British and Armoric knights;
since baptiz'd or infidel,
aspramont, or Montalban,
Morocco, or Trebisond;
iserta sent from Afric shore, 585
lemain with all his peerage fell
bia. Thus far these beyond
mortal prowess, yet observ'd
commander: he, above the rest
l gesture proudly eminent, 590
tower: his form had not yet lost
nal brightness, nor appear'd
changel ruin'd, and th' excess
eur'd: as when the sun new risen
gh the horizontal misty air, 595
beams; or from behind the moon,
se, disastrous twilight sheds
nations, and with fear of change
onarchs; darken'd so, yet shone
all th' archangel: but his face 600
f thunder had intrench'd, and care
ded cheek, but under brows
courage, and considerate pride
enge: cruel his eye, but cast
orse and passion, to behold 605
of his crime, the followers rather,
nce beheld in bliss!) condemn'd
to have their lot in pain;
pirits, for his fault amerc'd
d from eternal splendours flung 610
; yet faithful how they stood,
ther'd: as when heaven's fire
e forest oaks, or mountain pines,
their stately growth, though bare

Tears, such as angels
Words interwove with sighs found-

"O myriads of immortal spirits!
Matchless, but with th' Almighty,
Was not inglorious, though th' eve
As this place testifies, and this dire
Hateful to utter: but what power
Forseeing, or presaging, from the c
Of knowledge past or present, cou
How such united force of gods, ho
As stood like these, could ever kn
For who can yet believe, though a
That all these puissant legions, w
Hath emptied heaven, shall fail to
Self-rais'd, and repossess their na
For me be witness all the host of
If counsels different, or danger sl
By me, have lost our hopes: but
Monarch in heaven, till then as
Sat on his throne, upheld by old
Consent, or custom, and his reg
Put forth at full, but still his str
Which tempted our attempt, an

:r darkness cover.——But these thoughts
el must mature: Peace is despair'd, 660
an think submission? War then, war
nderstood, must be resolv'd."

:e: and to confirm his words out flew
: flaming swords, drawn from the thighs
cherubim: the sudden blaze 665
illumin'd hell; highly they rag'd
e Highest, and fierce with grasped arms
their sounding shields the din of war,
fiance toward the vault of heaven.

ood a hill not far, whose grisly top 670
: and rolling smoke; the rest entire
ı a glassy scurf; (undoubted sign
ɜ womb was hid metallic ore,
of sulphur,) thither wing'd with speed
ıs brigade hasten'd: as when bands 675
s, with spade and pickaxe arm'd,
e royal camp, to trench a field,
ampart: Mammon led them on,
the least erected spirit that fell
ven: for even in heaven his looks and
ıghts 680
ıys downward bent; admiring more
of heaven's pavement, trodden gold,
t divine or holy else, enjoy'd
eatific: by him first
and by his suggestion taught, 685
the centre, and with impious hands
bowels of their mother earth
res better hid. Soon had his crew
ɔ the hill a spacious wound,
l out ribs of gold. (Let none admire 690
s grow in hell; that soil may best
.e precious bane.) And here let those
t in mortal things, and wond'ring tell
ınd the works of Memphian kings,
their *greatest* monuments of fame, 695
rth, and art, are easily outdone
eprobate, and in an hour,
age they with incessant toil,
numerable, scarce perform.
lain in many cells prepar'd,

To many a row of pipes the sound-
Anon out of the earth a fabric huge
Rose like an exhalation, with the so
Of dulcet symphonies, and voices sw
Built like a temple, where pilasters
Were set, and Doric pillars, overlaid
With golden architrave: nor did th
Cornice, or frieze, with bossy sculpt
The roof was fretted gold. Not Bal
Nor great Alcairo, such magnificenc
Equall'd in all their glories, to inshri
Belus, or Serapis, their gods; or sea
Their kings, when Egypt with Assy
In wealth and luxury. Th' ascendi
Stood fix'd her stately height: and s
Op'ning their brazen folds, discover
Within her ample spaces o'er the sm
And level pavement: from the arche
Pendent by subtle magic, many a ro
Of starry lamps, and blazing cresset
With Naphtha and Asphaltus, yield
As from a sky. The hasty multitud
Admiring enter'd, and the work som
And some the architect: his hand

ɔs th' Ægean isle: thus they relate,
ɔr he with this rebellious rout
ɔefore; nor ought avail'd him now
ilt in heaveh high towers; nor did he scape
engines, but was headlong sent 750
ndustrious crew to build in hell.

ɔ the winged herald's by command
gn power, with awful ceremony
ɔet's sound, throughout the host proclaim
ɔouncil forthwith to be held 755
ɔonium, the high capital
and his peers: their summons call'd,
y band and squared regiment,
r choice the worthiest, they anon
lreds, and with thousands, trooping came
all access was throng'd, the gates 761
es wide, but chief the spacious hall
ke a cover'd field, where champions bold
in arm'd, and at the Soldan's chair
best of Panim chivalry 765
combat, or career with lance)
rm'd; both on the ground, and in the air,
th the hiss of rustling wings. As bees
ime, when the sun with Taurus rides,
their populous youth about the hive 770
; they among fresh dews and flowers
fro, or on the smoothed plank,
b of their straw-built citadel,)
d with balm, expatiate and confer
affairs: so thick the airy crowd 775
nd were straiten'd; till the signal given:
onder! they but now who seem'd
to surpass earth's giant sons,
am smallest dwarfs, in narrow room
nberless, like that pygmean race 780
Indian mount; or fairy elves;
night revels, by a forest side,
, some belated peasant sees,
he sees; while over head the moon
ss, and nearer to the earth 785
ale course; they on their mirth and dance
ound music charm his ear:
joy and fear his heart rebounds.
eal spirits to smallest forms

And summons read, the great consult began.

END OF BOOK FIRST.

PARADISE LOST.

BOOK II.

THE ARGUMENT.

The consultation begun, Satan debates whether anot. battle is to be hazarded for the recovery of heave some advise it, others dissuade. A third proposal preferred, mentioned before by Satan, to search truth of that prophecy or tradition in heaven c cerning another world, and another kind of creatu equal, or not much inferior to themselves, about t time to be created: their doubt who shall be sent this difficult search: Satan, their chief, underta. alone the voyage; is honoured and applauded. T council thus ended, the rest betake them several wa and to several employments, as their inclinations l them, to entertain the time till Satan return. passes on his journey to hell gates, finds them sh and who sat there to guard them, by whom at leng they are opened, and discover to him the great gulf tween hell and heaven: with what difficulty he pas through, directed by Chaos, the power of that pla to the sight of this new world which he sought.

High on a throne of royal state, which far
Outshone the wealth of Ormus and of Ind;
Or where the gorgeous east with richest hand
Showers on her kings barbaric pearl and gold,
Satan exalted sat, by merit rais'd
To that bad eminence: and from despair
Thus high uplifted beyond hope, aspires
Beyond thus high; insatiate to pursue
Vain war with heaven; and by success unta
lis proud imaginations thus display'd:

Did first create your leader, —
With what besides, in council or in fight
Hath been achiev'd of merit: yet this lo
Thus far at least recover'd, hath much n
Establish'd in a safe unenvied throne,
Yielded with full consent. The happier
In heaven, which follows dignity, might
Envy from each inferior: but who here
Will envy whom the highest place expo
Foremost to stand against the Thunder
Your bulwark; and condemns to greate
Of endless pain? Where there is then
For which to strive, no strife can grow
From faction: for none sure will claim i
Precedence; none, whose portion is so
Of present pain, that with ambitious mi
Will covet more! with this advantage
To union, and firm faith, and firm accor
More than can be in heaven, we now r
To claim our just inheritance of old,
Surer to prosper than prosperity
Could have assur'd us; and by what b
Whether of open war, or covert guile,
[illegible] who can advise may

ey sit contriving, shall the rest,
stand in arms, and longing wait 55
ascend, sit ling'ring here
itives, and for their dwelling-place
ark opprobrious den of shame,
f his tyranny who reigns
? No! let us rather choose, 60
ell-flames and fury, all at once
high towers to force resistless way
tortures into horrid arms
Torturer: when to meet the noise
nty engine he shall hear 65
der; and, for lightning, see
l horror shot with equal rage
ngels: and his throne itself

He ended frowning, and his look de
Desperate revenge, and battle dangerc
To less than gods. On th' other side
Belial, in act more graceful and humar
A fairer person lost not heaven; he s
For dignity compos'd, and high exploi
But all was false and hollow: though
Dropp'd manna, and could make the v
The better reason, to perplex and das
Maturest counsels; for his thoughts v
To vice industrious, but to nobler dee
Timorous and slothful: yet he pleas'
And with persuasive accents thus beg

"I should be much for open war, C
As not behind in hate, if what was u
Main reason to persuade immediate v
Did not dissuade me most; and seem
Ominous conjecture on the whole suc
When he who most excels in fact of
In what he counsels, and in what exc
Mistrustful, grounds his courage on
And utter dissolution, as the scope

Thus repuls'd, our final hope
: we must exasperate
' Victor to spend all his rage,
t end us; that must be our cure 145
s.—Sad cure! for who would lose,
f pain, this intellectual being;
ts, that wander through eternity
ıer, swallow'd up and lost
omb of uncreated night, 150
ıe and motion? And who knows,
ood,) whether our angry foe
r will ever? how he can,
hat he never will, is sure.
ise, let loose at once his ire, 155
ı impotence, or unaware,
ıemies their wish, and end
nger, whom his anger saves
lless?—Wherefore cease we then?
counsel war; we are decreed, 160
destin'd to eternal wo:
ng, what can we suffer more;
suffer worse?—Is this then worst,
thus consulting, thus in arms? 164
we fled amain, pursu'd, and struck
s afflicting thunder, and besought
helter us? This hell then seem'd
those wounds. Or, when we lay
e burning lake? That sure was worse.
reath that kindled those grim fires, 170
ld blow them into sevenfold rage,
s in the flames? Or, from above,
itted vengeance arm again
hand to plague us? What if all
re open'd, and this firmament 175
spout her cataracts of fire?
rrors! threat'ning hideous fall
our heads: while we perhaps
exhorting glorious war,
ery tempest shall be hurl'd 180
ck transfix'd, the sport and prey
rlwinds: or for ever sunk
ng ocean, wrapp'd in chains;
se with everlasting groans,
itied, unrepriev'd,
end? This would be worse.

...ore almighty to res...
Than wise to frustrate all...
Shall we then live thus vil...
Thus trampled, thus expel...
Chains and these torments...
By my advice; since fate...
Subdues us, and omnipoten...
The victor's will. To suff...
Our strength is equal, nor...
That so ordains: this was...
If we were wise, against so...
Contending, and so doubtful...
Laugh, when those who at...
And vent'rous, if that fail t...
That yet they know must...
Exile or ignominy, or bonds,...
The sentence of their conqu...
Doom! which if we can...
Our supreme foe, in time, m...
His anger: and, perhaps, th...
Not mind us, not offending, s...
With what is punished: wh...
Will slacken, if his breath s...
Our purer essence then will...
Their noxious ...

· to disenthrone the King of heaven
f war be best, or to regain 230
ight, lost: Him to unthrone we then
, when everlasting Fate shall yield
Chance, and Chaos judge the strife:
r vain to hope, argues as vain
: for what place can be for us 235
ven's bound, unless heaven's Lord supreme
ower? Suppose he should relent
h grace to all, on promise made
bjection; with what eyes could we
s presence humble, and receive 240
imposed to celebrate his throne
led hymns, and to his Godhead sing
elujahs? while he lordly sits
Sovereign, and his altar breathes
odours and ambrosial flowers, 245
offerings! This must be our task
this our delight; how wearisome
spent, in worship paid
we hate! Let us not then pursue
possible, by leave obtain'd 250
ble, though in heaven, our state
d vassalage: but rather seek
ood from ourselves, and from our own
rselves; though in this vast recess,
o none accountable; preferring 255
ty before the easy yoke
pomp. Our greatness will appear
conspicuous, when great things of small,
urtful, prosperous of adverse
ate; and in what place soe'er 260
ler evil, and work ease out of pain,
ibour and endurance. This deep world
s do we dread? How oft amidst
ls and dark, doth heaven's all-ruling Sire
reside, his glory unobscur'd 265
the majesty of darkness round
throne; from whence deep thunders roar
their rage, and heaven resembles hell!
darkness, cannot we his light
en we please? This desert soil 270
her *hidden lustre*, gems, and gold:
ve skill or art, from whence to raise
e; *and what* can heaven show more?

Of what we are, and were; dismis
All thought of war.—Ye have wha

He scarce had finish'd, when suc
Th' assembly, as when hollow rock
The sound of blustering winds, whi
Had rous'd the sea, now with hoars
Sea-faring men o'erwatch'd, whose
Or pinnace, anchors in a craggy ba
After the tempest: such applause w
As Mammon ended, and his sentenc
Advising peace. For, such another
They dreaded worse than hell: so n
Of thunder, and the sword of Mich
Wrought still within them; and no
To found this nether empire, which
By policy, and long process of time,
In emulation opposite to heaven.
Which when Beelzebub perceiv'd (t
Satan except, none higher sat) with
Aspect he rose, and in his rising see
A pillar of state: deep on his front
Deliberation sat, and public care;

dungeon; not our safe retreat
ent arm, to live exempt
high jurisdiction, in new league
his throne: but to remain 320
lage, though thus far remov'd,
able curb, reserv'd
ltitude: for he, be sure,
oth, still first and last will reign
of his kingdom lose no part 325
but over hell extend
with iron sceptre rule
his golden those in heaven.
en projecting peace and war?
min'd us, and foil'd with loss 330
ms of peace yet none
sought: for what peace will be given
but custody severe,
f arbitrary punishment
what peace can we return? 335
er, hostility and hate,
ance, and revenge; though slow,
ig how the Conqueror least
onquest, and may least rejoice
ve most in suffering feel? 340
on want, nor shall we need
s expedition, to invade
high walls fear no assault or siege,
the deep: what if we find
erprize? There's a place, 345
prophetic fame in heaven
er world, the happy seat
ace call'd Man; about this time
ke to us, though less
tcellence, but favour'd more 350
es above: so was his will
ong the gods, and by an oath,
ven's whole circumference, confirm'd.
end all our thoughts, to learn
there inhabit, of what mould, 355
ow endued, and what their power,
weakness, how attempted best
lty. Though heaven be shut,
h arbitrator sit secure
h, this place may lie exposed 3
of his kingdom, left

Abolish his own works. This wou
Common revenge, and interrupt his j
In our confusion, and our joy upraise
In his disturbance; when his darling
Hurl'd headlong to partake with us,
Their frail original, and faded bliss;
Faded so soon! Advise if this be wo
Attempting, or to sit in darkness her
Hatching vain empires." Thus Bee
Pleaded his devilish counsel, first dev
By Satan, and in part propos'd: for
But from the author of all ill, could s
So deep a malice to confound the ra
Of mankind in one root, and earth w
To mingle and involve, done all to
The great Creator? But their spite
His glory to augment. The bold d
Pleas'd highly those infernal states,
Sparkled in all their eyes; with ful
They vote: whereat his speech he

"Well have ye judg'd, well ende
Synod of gods! and, like to what
Great things resolv'd; which from
Will once more lift us up, in spite
Nearer our ancient seat; perhaps
[illegible] confuse whence

ı the palpable obscure find out
way; or spread his airy flight,
.h indefatigable wings,
ıt abrupt, ere he arrive
sle? What strength, what art can then
hıg evasion bear him safe 411
strict sentries, and stations thick
ıtching round? Here he had need
ection; and we now no less
r suffrage; for, on whom we send, 415
ɔf all, and our last hope, relies."

he sat; and expectation held
ɔense, awaiting who appear'd
oppose, or undertake
attempt: but all sat mute, 420
e danger with deep thoughts; and each
ıntenance read his own dismay,
None, among the choice and prime
ven-warring champions, could be found
to proffer, or accept 425
eadful voyage: till at last
ı now transcendent glory rais'd
llows, with monarchal pride
f highest worth) unmov'd thus spake:

ıy of heaven, empyreal thrones! 430
hath deep silence, and demur,
ɔugh undismay'd: long is the way
at out of hell leads up to light:
rong; this huge convex of fire,
o devour, immures us round 435
ıd gates of burning adamant
ıs, prohibit all egress.
(if any pass) the void profound
d night receives him next
! and with utter loss of being 440
m, plung'd in that abortive gulf.
scape into whatever world,
region, what remains him less
vn dangers, and as hard escape?
ill become this throne, O peers! 445
erial sovereignty, adorn'd
ur, arm'd with power, if ought propos'd
public moment, in the shape

Of hazard [illegible]
High honour'd sits? Go, there[illegible],
Terror of heaven, though fallen! int
(While here shall be our home,) wha
The present misery, and render hell
More tolerable; if there be cure, or
To respite, or deceive, or slack the p
Of this ill mansion. Intermit no wa
Against a wakeful foe, while I abros
Through all the coasts of dark destru
Deliverance for us all: this enterpri
None shall partake with me." Thu
The monarch, and prevented all rep
Prudent, lest, from his resolution ra
Others among the chiefs might offe
(Certain to be refused) what erst th
And so refus'd, might in opinion st
His rivals; winning cheap the hig
Which he through hazard huge inu
Dreaded not more th' adventure, t
Forbidding; and at once with hin
Their rising all at once was as the
Of thunder heard remote. Tow
With awful reverence prone; an
[illegible] the highest in

:heir notes renew, and bleating herds
r joy, that hill and valley rings. 495
› men! Devil with devil damn'd
ırd holds, men only disagree
:s rational, though under hope
y grace: and, God proclaiming peace,
hatred, enmity, and strife 500
mselves, and levy cruel wars,
ıe earth, each other to destroy:
:h might induce us to accord)
ot hellish foes enow besides,
ınd night, for his destruction wait. 505

gian council thus dissolv'd; and forth
me the grand infernal peers:
.e their mighty paramount, and seem'd
ntagonist of heaven, nor less
ı dread emperor, with pomp supreme, 510
:e imitated state. Him round
fiery seraphim inclos'd,
ıt emblazonry, and horrent arms.
ıeir session ended, they bid cry
pets' regal sound the great result: 515
ıe four winds four speedy cherubim
r mouths the sounding alchymy,
' voice explain'd: the hollow abyss
ınd wide, and all the host of hell 519
ning shout return'd them loud acclaim.

more at ease their minds, and somewhat
rais'd
esumptuous hope, the ranged powers
nd wand'ring, each his several way
ı inclination or sad choice
perplex'd, where he may likeliest find 525
is restless thoughts, and entertain
ıe hours, till his great chief return.
: plain, or in the air sublime
ving, or in swift race contend,
lympian games, or Pythian fields: 530
heir fiery steeds, or shun the goal
wheels, or fronted brigades form.
warn proud cities, war appears
troubled sky, and armies rush
he clouds; before each van

Through pain up by ...
And Lichas from the top of Œta th
Into th' Euboic Sea. Others, more
Retreated in a silent valley, sing
With notes angelical to many a ha
Their own heroic deeds and hapless
By doom of battle: and complain t
Free virtue should enthrall to force
Their song was partial; but the h
(What could it less when spirits in
Suspended hell, and took with ravi
The thronging audience. In disco
(For eloquence the soul, song char
Others apart sat on a hill retir'd,
In thoughts more elevate, and reas
Of providence, foreknowledge, wi
Fix'd fate, free will, foreknowledg
And found no end, in wand'ring m
Of good and evil much they argu
Of happiness, and final misery,
Passion, and apathy, and glory, a
Vain wisdom all, and false philos
Yet with a pleasing sorcery, coul
... while or anguish: and

of torrent fire inflame with rage.
ices, a slow and silent stream,
r of oblivion, rolls
yrinth? whereof who drinks,
former state and being forgets; 585
ıy and grief, pleasure and pain.
ıod a frozen continent
wild; beat with perpetual storms
and dire hail; which on firm land
t gathers heap, and ruin seems 590
ı: all else, deep snow and ice:
ıd! as that Serbonian bog
ıta, and mount Casius old,
whole have sunk: the parching air
d cold performs the effect of fire. 595
rpy-footed furies hal'd,
ılutions, all the damn'd
and feel by turns the bitter change
nes, extremes by change more fierce;
aging fire to starve in ice 600
real warmth, and there to pine
ıfixed, and frozen round,
ı; thence hurried back to fire.
ır this Lethean sound
ı, their sorrow to augment, 605
struggle as they pass to reach
stream, with one small drop to lose
fulness all pain and woe,
ıent, and so near the brink:
ands, and to oppose th' attempt 610
Gorgonian terror, guards
of itself the water flies
ing wight; as once it fled
ıtalus. Thus roving on,
rch forlorn, th' advent'rous bands, 615
ıg horror pale, and eyes aghast,
ıir lamentable lot, and found
ıgh many a dark and dreary vale
nd many a region dolorous;
ozen, many a fiery Alp; 620
akes, fens, bogs, dens, and shades o'

ath! which God by curse
evil only good,
, death lives, and nature breed

explores his solitary flight: some
He scours the right-hand coast, so
Now shaves with level wing the d
Up to the fiery concave tow'ring h
As when far off at sea a fleet desc
Hangs in the clouds, by equinoctia
Close sailing from Bengala, or the
Of Ternate, and Tidore, whence n
Their spicy drugs: they on the tra
Through the wide Ethiopian to the
Ply, stemming nightly toward the
Far off the flying fiend. At last a
Hell bounds, high-reaching to the
And thrice threefold the gates:
brass,
Three iron, three of adamantine ro
Impenetrable, impal'd with circling
Yet unconsum'd. Before the gates
On either side a formidable shape;
The one seem'd woman to the waist
But ended foul in many a scaly fold
Voluminous and vast! a serpent ar
With mortal sting; about her midd

le in member, joint, or limb;
night be call'd that shadow seem'd,
'd either:) black it stood as night, 670
furies, terrible as hell,
dreadful dart: what seem'd his head,
of a kingly crown had on.
w at hand, and from his seat
moving, onward came as fast 675
trides: hell trembled as he strode.
d fiend what this might be admir'd;
ear'd; God and his Son except,
nought valued he, nor shunn'd;
ainful look thus first began: 680

and what art thou! execrable shape!
though grim and terrible, adv[illegible]
d front athwart my way
es? through them I mean to pass,
'd, without leave or ask of thee. 685
thy folly, and learn by proof,
t to contend with spirits of heaven."

e goblin full of wrath reply'd:
t traitor-angel, art thou he,
te peace in heaven, and faith, till then
d in proud rebellious arms 691
the third part of heaven's sons,
st the Highest; for which both thou
ast from God, are here condem'd
al days in wo and pain? 695
thou thyself with spirits of heaven,
and breath'st defiance here and scorn,
king, and to enrage thee more,
lord? Back to thy punishment,
and to thy speed add wings; 700
ip of scorpions I pursue
; or with one stroke of this dart
seize thee, and pangs unfelt before."

grisly terror, and in shape
and so threat'ning) grew tenfold 705
and deform. On th' other side,
dignation, Satan stood
d like a comet burn'd,
ngth of Ophiuchus huge

So frown'd the mighty combatants,
Grew darker at their frown: so ma
For never but once more was either
To meet so great a foe. And now
Had been achiev'd, whereof all hell
Had not the snaky sorceress that sa
Fast by hell-gate, and kept the fata
Risen, and with hideous outcry rush

"O father! what intends thy han
"Against thy only son? What fur
Possesses thee to bend that mortal d
Against thy father's head? and kno
For him who sits above, and laughs
At thee, ordain'd his drudge, to exec
Whate'er his wrath, which he calls j
His wrath, which one day will destr

She spake, and at her words the h
Forbore: then these to her Satan re

"So strange thy outcry, and thy w
Thou interposest, that my sudden

piracy against heaven's King,
iden miserable pain
ee, dim thine eyes, and dizzy swam
; while thy head flames thick and fast
ı; till on the left side op'ning wide, 755
ee in shape, and count'nance bright,
ıg heavenly fair, a goddess arm'd,
head I sprung: amazement seiz'd
of heaven; back they recoil'd, afraid
. call'd me Sin; and for a sign 760
held me: but familiar grown,
ıd with attractive graces won
verse, thee chiefly, who full oft
me thy perfect image viewing)
amour'd, and such joy thou took'st 765
secret, that my womb conceiv'd
burden. Meanwhile war arose,
were fought in heaven; wherein remain'd
ould else?) to our almighty foe
y; to our part loss, and rout, 770
. the empyrean: down they fell,
llong from the pitch of heaven, down
ep; and in the general fall
which time this powerful key
ıd was given, with charge to keep 775
ı for ever shut, which none can pass
y opening. Pensive here I sat
ong I sat not, till my womb
y thee, and now excessive grown,
notion felt, and rueful throes! 780
odious offspring whom thou seest,
begotten, breaking violent way
ch my entrails; that with fear and pain
ll my nether shape thus grew
i. But he, my inbred enemy 785
l, brandishing his fatal dart
stroy: I fled, and cry'd out, *Death!*
ed at the hideous name, and sigh'd
r caves, and back resounded, Death!
ı *pursu'd* (though more, it seems, 79
ı *lust than* rage) and, swifter far
his mother, all dismay'd:
ces forcible, and foul,

Grim Death, my son and foe: who
And me his parent would full soon
For want of other prey, but that h
His end with mine involv'd: and k
Should prove a bitter morsel, and h
Whenever that shall be; so Fate p
But thou, O father! I forewarn thee
His deadly arrow; neither vainly h
To be invulnerable in those bright a
Though temper'd heavenly; for tha
Save he who reigns above, none can

She finish'd, and the subtle fiend h
Soon learn'd, now milder, and thus a

"Dear daughter! since thou claim's
And my fair son here show'st me (th
Of dalliance had with thee in heaven
Then sweet, now sad to mention, thr
Befallen us, unforeseen, unthought of
I come no enemy, but to set free
From out this dark and dismal house
Both him and thee, and all the heave

nd this once known, shall soon return,
s to the place where thou and Death,
it ease, and up and down unseen 841
y the buxom air, embalm'd
: there ye shall be fed, and fill'd
ly, all things shall be your prey."

for both seem'd highly pleas'd, and Death
ible a ghastly smile, to hear 846
hould be fill'd; and bless'd his maw
hat good hour: no less rejoic'd
ead, and thus bespake her sire:

of this infernal pit by due, 850
mand of heaven's all-powerful King,
im forbidden to unlock
intine gates; against all force
stands to interpose his dart,
e o'ermatch'd by living might. 855
we to his commands above
ne, and hath hither thrust me down
m of Tartarus profound,
eful office here confin'd,
heaven, and heavenly-born, 860
etual agony and pain,
, and with clamours compass'd round,
brood, that on my bowels feed?
father, thou my author, thou
v'st me; whom should I obey 865
hom follow? thou wilt bring me soon
world of light and bliss, among
o live at ease, where I shall reign
hand voluptuous, as beseems
r, and thy darling, without end." 870

g, from her side the fatal key,
nt of all our wo! she took;
the gate rolling her bestial train,
e huge porticullis high up-drew;
rself, not all the Stygian powers 875
ve mov'd; then in the key-hole turns
ards, and every bolt and bar
or solid rock, with ease

Cast forth redounding smoke, and r
Before their eyes in sudden view a
The secrets of the hoary deep; a d
Illimitable ocean, without bound,
Without dimension; where leng
height,
And time, and place are lost; whe
And Chaos, ancestor's of Nature, h
Eternal anarchy, amidst the noise
Of endless wars, and by confusion
For hot, cold, moist, and dry, four
Strive here for mast'ry, and to batt
Their embryon atoms; they aroun
Of each his faction, in their several
Light arm'd, or heavy, sharp, smoo
Swarm populous, unnumber'd as t
Of Barca, or Cyrene's torrid soil,
Levied to side with warring winds
Their lighter wings. To whom th
He rules a moment: Chaos umpir
And by decision more embroils the
By which he reigns: next him hig
Chance governs all. Into this wil
(The womb of nature, and perhap
Of neither sea, nor shore, nor air, r
But all these in their pregnant cau

we falling, did these elements 925
d from her axle torn
earth. At last his sail-broad vans
r flight, and in the surging smoke
ns the ground: thence mas[illegible]
y chair, ascending rides [illegible]
out that seat soon failing: [illegible]
y: all unawares,
pennons vain, plump down he drops
l fathom deep: and to this hour
en falling, had not by ill chance 935
buff of some tumultuous cloud
fire and nitre, hurried him
s aloft: that fury stay'd,
boggy Syrtis, neither sea,
land, nigh founder'd on he fares, 940
crude consistence, half on foot,
behooves him now both oar and sail.
iffon, through the wilderness
course o'er hill, or moory dale,
Arimaspian, who by stealth 945
wakeful custody purloin'd
gold: so eagerly the fiend
eep, through strait, rough, dense or rare,
ands, wings, or feet, pursues his way;
r sinks, or wades, or creeps, or flies. 950
niversal hubbub wild
ounds, and voices all confus'd,
h the hollow dark assaults his ear
vehemence: thither he plies,
meet there whatever power, 955
he nethermost abyss,
noise reside, of whom to ask
he nearest coast of darkness lies,
light: when strait behold the throne
d his dark pavilion spread 960
wasteful deep: with him enthron'd
ted Night, eldest of things,
of his reign: and by them stood
ies, and the dreaded name
on: Rumour next, and Chance, 965
, and Confusion all embroil'd,
with a thousand various mouths.
a turning boldly, thus: "Ye powers.
his nethermost abyss,

Confine with heaven: or if so
From your dominion won, th'
Possesses lately, thither to arr
I travel this profound: direct
Directed, no mean recompens
To your behoof: if I that regi
All usurpation thence expell'd
To her original darkness, and
(Which is my present journey
Erect the standard there of an
Yours be th' advantage all, mi

Thus Satan; and him thus
With fault'ring speech, and vis
Answer'd: "I know thee stran
That mighty leading angel, wl
Made head against heaven's K
I saw, and heard; for such a n
Fled not in silence through the
With ruin upon ruin, rout on r
Confusion worse confounded:
Pour'd out by millions her victo
Pursuing I upon my frontiers

ı'd, like a pyramid of fire,
expanse; and through the shock
ements, on all sides round. 1015
ins his way, harder beset,
danger'd, [illegible] when Argo pass'd
phorus, betwixt the justling rocks:
sses on the larboard shunn'd
ıd by th' other whirlpool steer'd. 1020
fficulty, and labour hard
vith difficulty and labour he:
ass'd, soon after, when man fell,
ation! Sin, and Death, amain,
tract (such was the will of heaven!)
m a broad and beaten way 1026
abyss, whose boiling gulf
r'd a bridge of wondrous length,
tinued, reaching th' utmost orb
vorld; by which the spirits perverse
tercourse pass to and fro, 1031
punish mortals, except whom
l angels guard by special grace.

last the sacred influence
ırs, and from the walls of heaven 1035
o the bosom of dim night
dawn: here Nature first begins
verge, and Chaos to retire,
utmost works a broken foe,
less, and with less hostile din; 1040
vith less toil, and now with ease,
calmer wave by dubious light;
eather-beaten vessel holds
rt, though shrouds and tackle torn:
tier waste, resembling air, 1045
pread wings, at leisure to behold
pyreal heaven, extended wide
etermin'd square or round:
vers and battlements adorn'd
ire, (once his native seat!) 1050
anging in a golden chain,
vorld, in bigness as a star
nitude, close by the moon.
ght with mischievous revenge,
cursed hour, he hies.

THE ARGUMENT.

*God sitting on his throne, sees Satan flying
world, then newly created; shows him
sat at his right hand; foretells the suc
in perverting mankind: clears his ow
wisdom from all imputation, having cre
and able enough to have withstood hi
declares his purpose of grace towards
he fell not of his own malice, as did
him seduced. The Son of God render
Father for the manifestation of his gr
towards Man; but God again decla
cannot be extended towards Man witho
tion of divine justice; Man hath offen
of God by aspiring to Godhead, and,
all his progeny devoted to death, u
some one can be found sufficient to
offence, and undergo his punishment.
God freely offers himself a ransom
Father accepts him, ordains his in
nounces his exaltation above all name
earth; commands all the angels to a
[illegible] and hymning to their harps in*

new creation and Man whom God had
e, inquires of him the place of his habita-
is directed; alights first on mount Ni-

---

ight, offspring of heaven first-born!
rnal eternal beam!
s thee unblam'd? since God is light,
st in an unapproached light
eternity; dwell then in thee, 5
nce of bright essence increate!
ou rather pure ethereal stream,
ain who shall tell? Before the sun,
avens thou wert, and at the voice
vith a mantle didst invest 10
orld of waters dark and deep,
e void and formless infinite.
t now with bolder wing,
Stygian pool, though long detain'd
re sojourn; while in my flight 15
er and through middle darkness borne,
notes than to th' Orphean lyre,
ios, and eternal Night;
e heavenly Muse to venture down
scent, and up to reascend, 20
, and rare! Thee I revisit safe,
sovereign vital lamp: but thou
: these eyes, that roll in vain
piercing ray, and find no dawn;
op serene hath quench'd their orbs, 25
ion veil'd! Yet not the more
ander, where the Muses haunt
or shady grove, or sunny hill,
s love of sacred song: but chief
and the flowery brooks beneath, 30
ly hallow'd feet, and warbling flow,
it: nor sometimes forget
wo equall'd with me in fate,
equall'd with them in renown!)
ris, and blind Mæonides: 35
and Phineus, prophets old.
thoughts, that voluntary move
harmony; as the wakeful bird

Presented with a universal blank
Of nature's works, to me expung'd an
And wisdom at one entrance quite shu
So much the rather thou, celestial Lig
Shine inward, and the mind through a
Irradiate; there plant eyes; all mist f
Purge and disperse; that I may see an
Of things invisible to mortal sight.

Now had the Almighty Father fron
(From the pure empyrean where he si
High thron'd above all height,) bent
His own works and their works at on
About him all the sanctities of heave
Stood thick as stars, and from his sig
Beatitude past utterance: on his righ
The radiant image of his glory sat,
His only Son. On earth he first beh
Our two first parents (yet the only t
Of mankind) in the happy garden p
Reaping immortal fruits of joy and
Uninterrupted joy, unrivall'd love,
In blissful solitude. He then survey
Hell, and the gulf between, and Sat
Coasting the wall of heaven on this
In the dun air sublime; and ready

no bars of hell, nor all the chains
him there, nor yet the main abyss
rupt, can hold? So bent he seems
.te revenge, that shall redound 85
wn rebellious head. And now
ll restraint broke loose, he wings his way
heaven, in the precincts of light,
wards the new-created world,
here plac'd; with purpose to assay 90
orce he can destroy, or worse,
lse guile pervert: and shall pervert;
ill hearken to his glozing lies,
transgress the sole command,
: of his obedience: so will fall, 95
s faithless progeny. Whose fault?
his own? Ingrate! he had of me
d have: I made him just and right;
o have stood, though free to fall.
ted all th' ethereal powers, 100
, both them who stood, and them who fail'd.
stood who stood, and fell who fell.
hat proof could they have given sincere
egiance, constant faith, or love,
what they needs must do, appear'd; 105
they would? What praise could they
ive?
ure I from such obedience paid,
and reason (reason also is choice)
l vain, of freedom both despoil'd,
ve both, had serv'd necessity, 110
They therefore, as to right belong'd,
ated, nor can justly accuse
er, or their making, or their fate;
stination over-rul'd
dispos'd by absolute decree, 115
eknowledge. They themselves decreed
revolt, not, I: if I foreknew,
dge had no influence on their fault,
no less prov'd certain unforeknown.
least impulse, or shadow of fate, 120
y me immutably foreseen,
ass; authors to themselves in all,
they judge, and what they choose; for so
m free, and free they must remain,
hral themselves; I else must change.

But mercy, [illegible]

Thus while God spake, ambros
All heaven, and in the blessed spi
Sense of new joy ineffable diffus'd
Beyond compare the Son of God
Most glorious; in him all his Fat
Substantially express'd; and in h
Divine compassion visibly appear
Love without end, and without m
Which uttering, thus he to his fa

"O Father! gracious was that
Thy sovereign sentence, that ma
For which both heaven and earth
Thy praises, with th' innumerab
Of hymns and sacred songs, whe
Encompass'd shall resound thee
For should man finally be lost, sh
Thy creature late so lov'd, thy y
Fall circumvented thus by fraud
With his own folly? That be fr
That far be from thee, Father, w
Of all things made, and judgest
Or shall the adversary thus obt
His end, and frustrate thine? s
[illegible] and thy goodness b

m my soul hath chief delight,
, Son who art alone
isdom, and effectual might! 170
ken as my thoughts are, all
urpose hath decreed.
ite be lost, but sav'd who will
n him, but grace in me
'd: once more I will renew 175
rs, though forfeit, and inthrall'd
orbitant desires:
et once more he shall stand
against his mortal foe:
at he may know how frail 180
ion is, and to me owe
ce, and to none but me.
sen of peculiar grace
est: so is my will:
ar me call, and oft be warn'd 185
, and to appease betimes
ity, while offer'd grace
ll clear their senses dark,
e, and soften stony hearts
, and bring obedience due. 190
tance, and obedience due,
eavour'd with sincere intent,
ot be slow, mine eye not shut;
within them as a guide
cience; whom if they will hear, 195
well us'd they shall attain,
ersisting, safe arrive.
fferance, and my day of grace,
ct and scorn shall never taste;
den'd, blind he blinded more, 200
stumble on, and deeper fall;
ch from mercy I exclude.
t done: Man disobeying,
his fealty, and sins
supremacy of heaven, 205
ad, and so losing all,
reason hath nought left,
n, sacred and devote,
le posterity must die;
must; unless for him 210
and as willing, pay
tion, death for death

The deadly forfeiture, and rans
And now, without redemption,
Must have been lost, adjudg'd t
By doom severe, had not the Se
In whom the fulness dwells of l
His dearest mediation thus ren

" Father, thy word is pass'd ;
And shall grace not find means
The speediest of thy winged m
To visit all thy creatures, and
Comes unprevented, unimplor'd
Happy for man, so coming ! he
Can never seek, once dead in s
Atonement for himself, or offer
(Indebted, and undone !) hath
Behold me then ! me for him, l
I offer ; on me let thine anger
Account me man : I for his sal
Thy bosom, and this glory ne:
Freely put off, and for him last
Well pleas'd : on me let death
Under his gloomy power I sha
Lie vanquish'd ; thou hast giv
Life in myself for ever ; by th
Though now to death I yield,

of darkness bound. Thou at the sight
of heaven shalt look down and smile;
e rais'd I ruin all my foes,
nd with his carcass glut the graves:
e multitude of my redeem'd, 260
aven, long absent, and return,
e thy face, wherein no cloud
l remain; but peace assur'd
ment: wrath shall be no more
but in thy presence joy entire." 265

here ended, but his meek aspect
ke, and breath'd immortal love
n, above which only shone
ce: as a sacrifice,
er'd, he attends the will 270
'ather. Admiration seiz'd
hat this might mean, and whither tend,
out soon th' Almighty thus replied:

heaven and earth the only peace
mankind under wrath! O thou, 275
dacence! well thou know'st how dear
my works, nor man the least,
reated; that for him I spare
bosom and right hand, to save,
e a while, the whole race lost. 280
re, whom thou only canst redeem,
also to thy nature join,
f man among men on earth,
hen time shall be, of virgin seed,
birth: be thou in Adam's room, 285
ll mankind, though Adam's son.
ish all men, so in thee,
nd root, shall be restor'd
re restor'd, without thee none.
es guilty all his sons; thy merit 290
absolve them who renounce
th righteous and unrighteous deeds,
ee transplanted, and from thee
ife. So man, as is most just,
or man, be judg'd, and die, 295
, *and rising* with him raise
ansom'd with his own dear life.
e shall outdo hellish hate,

Because thou hast, though throu
Equal to God, and equally enjo
Godlike fruition, quitted all to s
A world from utter loss, and ha
By merit more than birthright S
Found worthiest to be so by be
Far more than great or high; b
Love hath abounded more than
Therefore thy humiliation shall
With thee thy manhood also to
Here shalt thou sit incarnate, h
Both God and Man, Son both
Anointed Universal King; all
I give thee; reign for ever, and
Thy merits: under thee, as he
Thrones, princedoms, powers,
All knees to thee shall bow, of
In heaven, or earth, or under e
When thou, attended gloriousl
Shalt in the sky appear, and f
The summoning archangels to
Thy dread tribunal: forthwitl
The living, and forthwith the
Of all past ages to the general
Shall hasten, such a peal shall
Then, all thy saints assembled
Bad men and angels; they ar

ad th' Almighty ceas'd, but all
of angels, with a shout 345
numbers without number, sweet,
d voices uttering joy, heaven rung
and loud hosannas fill'd
ions. Lowly reverent
r throne they bow, and to the ground
adoration down they cast 351
inwove with amaranth and gold;
anth! a flower which once
st by the tree of life,
; but soon for man's offence 355
ov'd, where first it grew, there grows,
oft, shading the fount of life;
river of bliss thro' midst of heaven
ian flowers her amber stream:
at never fade, the spirits elect 360
lendent locks, inwreath'd with beams,
arlands thick thrown off, the bright
t like a sea of jasper shone,
celestial roses smil'd.
again, their golden harps they took,
'd, that, glittering by their side, 366
ung, and with preamble sweet
mphony they introduce
ng, and waken raptures high;
pt; no voice but well could join 370
, such concord is in heaven.

er," first they sung, "omnipotent,
mortal, infinite,
thee, Author of all being,
ht, thyself invisible 375
rious brightness where thou sitt'st
ssible, but when thou shad'st
of thy beams, and through a cloud,
bout thee like a radiant shrine,
essive bright, thy skirts appear, 380
ven, that brightest seraphim
but with both wings veil their eyes."
they sang, "of all creation first,
divine similitude!
icuous count'nance, without cloud 385
' almighty Father shines,
reature can behold: on thee

aspiring domina
Thy Father's dreadf
Nor stop the flaming
Heaven's everlasting
Thou drov'st warrin
Back from pursuit th
Thee only extol'd, S
To execute fierce ve
Not so on man: him
Father of mercy and
So strictly, but muc
No sooner did thy d
Perceive thee purpo
So strictly, but muc
He, to appease thy
Of mercy and justic
Regardless of the bl
Second to thee, offe
For man's offence.
Love no where to b
Hail, Son of God, S
Shall be the copiou
Henceforth, and ne
Forget, nor from th

vy ridge the roving Tartar bounds,
from a region scarce of prey,
e flesh of lambs, or yeanling kids
ere flocks are fed, flies tow'rds the springs
or Hydaspes, Indian streams; 456
ay lights on the barren plains
, where Chineses drive
f wind their cany wagons light:
rindy sea of land, the fiend 440
and down alone, bent on his prey;
ther creature in this place,
bleta, to be found was none;
but store hereafter from the earth
ke aerial vapours flew, 445
transitory and vain, when sin
had fill'd the works of men:
ge vain, and all who in vain things
nd hopes of glory or lasting fame,
s in this or in other life 450
e their reward on earth, the fruits
uperstition and blind zeal,
ting but the praise of men, here find
on, empty as their deeds:
complish'd works of nature's hand, 455
onstrous, or unkindly mix'd,
earth, fleet hither, and in vain,
solution, wander here:
eighb'ring moon, as some have dream'd;
it fields more likely habitants, 460
saints or middle spirits hold,
angelical and human kind.
l-join'd sons and daughters born,
e ancient world those giants came,
a vain exploit, though then renown'd:
s next of Babel on the plain 465
and still with vain design
, had they wherewithal, would build:
single; he who, to be deem'd
d fondly into Ætna's flames, 470
; and he who, to enjoy
rum, leap'd into the sea,
; and many more too long,
d idiots, eremites, and friars,
, and grey, with all their trumpery. 475
roam, that stray'd so far to seek

Of heaven's ascent they lift their feet
A violent cross wind from either coas
Blows them transverse, ten thousand
Into the devious air; then might ye
Cowls, hoods, and habits, with their
And flutter'd into rags; then reliques
Indulgences, dispenses, pardons, bull
The sport of winds: all these, up-wh
Fly o'er the backside of the world far
Into a Limbo large and broad, since
The Paradise of Fools, to few unknown
Long after: now unpeopled, and un
All this dark globe the fiend found a
And long he wander'd, till at last a
Of dawning light turn'd thither-ward
His travell'd steps: far distant he d
Ascending by degrees magnificent
Up to the wall of heaven, a structure
At top whereof, but far more rich, a
The work as of a kingly palace gat
With frontispiece of diamond, and
Embellish'd; thick with sparkling
The portal shone, inimitable on ea
By model, or by shading pencil dra
The stairs were such as whereon J
Angels ascending and descending,

a chariot drawn by fiery steeds.
ere then let down, whether to dare
easy ascent, or aggravate
usion from the doors of bliss: 525
st which open'd from beneath,
blissful seat of Paradise,
own to th' earth, a passage wide,
r than that of after-times
Sion, and, though that were large, 530
mis'd Land to God so dear,
visit oft those happy tribes,
sets his angels to and fro
ent, and his eye with choice regard,
, the fount of Jordan's flood, 535
, where the Holy Land
gypt and th' Arabian shore;
opening seem'd, where bounds were set
such as bound the ocean wave.
ence, now on the lower stair, 540
y steps of gold to heaven gate,
with wonder at the sudden view
rld at once. As when a scout,
k and desert ways with peril gone
last, by break of cheerful dawn, 545
row of some high-climbing hill,
eye discovers unaware
prospect of some foreign land
some renown'd metropolis,
g spires and pinnacles adorn'd, 550
he rising sun gilds with his beams
seiz'd, though after heaven seen,
lign; but much more envy seiz'd
ll this world beheld so fair.
eys (and well might where he stood
e the circling canopy 555
tended shade) from eastern point
he fleecy star, that bears
ar off Atlantic seas,
orizon: then from pole to pole 560
breadth; and without longer pause
nto the world's first region throws
cipitant, and winds with ease,
pure *marble* air his oblique way,
merable stars, that shone, 565
but nigh hand seem'd other world's;

By centre or eccentric, hard to tell
Or longitude,) where the great lur
Aloof the vulgar constellations thi
That from his lordly eye keep dist
Dispenses light from far; they as
Their starry dance in numbers tha
Days, months, and years, tow'rds hi
Turn swift their various motions, (
By his magnetic beam, that gently
The universe, and to each inward
With gentle penetration, though u
Shoots invisible virtue even to the
So wondrously was set his station
There lands the fiend, a spot like v
Astronomer in the sun's lucent orb
Through his glaz'd optic tube, yet i
The place he found beyond express
Compar'd with ought on earth, met
Not all parts alike, but all alike inf
With radiant light, as glowing iron
If metal, part seem'd gold, part silv
If stone, carbuncle most or chrysol
Ruby or topaz, or the twelve that s
In Aaron's breast-plate, and a stone
Imagin'd rather oft than elsewhere
That stone, or like to that which he

lorious, and effect so rare?
sr new to gaze the Devil met
; far and wide his eye commands
o obstacle found blank, nor shade, 615
shine, as when his beams at noon
from th' equator, as they now
rd still direct, whence no way round
m body opaque can fall; and th' air,
so clear, sharpen'd his visual ray 620
distant far, whereby he soon
ken a glorious angel stand,
whom John saw also in the sun:
ras turn'd, but not his brightness hid:
sunny rays a golden tiar 625
head, nor less his locks behind
n his shoulders, fledged with wings,
g round; on some great charge employ'd
or fix'd in cogitation deep.
he spirit impure, as now in hope 630
o might direct his wand'ring flight
e, the happy seat of man,
r's end, and our beginning wo.
casts to change his proper shape,
might work him danger or delay: 635
stripling cherub he appears,
prime, yet such as in his face
'd celestial, and to every limb
ace diffus'd, so well he feign'd:
conet his flowing hair 640
either cheek play'd; wings he wore
colour'd plume, sprinkled with gold
t for speed succinct, and held
lecent steps a silver wand.
t nigh unheard; the angel bright, 645
r nigh, his radiant visage turn'd,
l by his ear; and strait was known
gel Uriel, one of the seven
d's presence, nearest to his throne,
r at command, and are his eyes 650
rough all the heavens, or down to th' earth
ift errands over moist and dry,
l land: him Satan thus accosts:

or thou of those seven spirits that stand
lod's high throne, gloriously bright, 655

His chief delight and favour, and
All these his works so wondrous b
Hath brought me from the choirs
Alone thus wand'ring. Brightest
In which of all these shining orbs
His fixed seat, or fixed seat hath i
But all these shining orbs his choi
That I may find him, and with se
Or open admiration, him behold,
On whom the great Creator hath
Worlds, and on whom hath all th
That both in him and all things,
The universal Maker we may pra
Who justly hath driven out his re
To deepest hell; and, to repair t
Created this new happy race of m
To serve him better: wise are al

So speak the false dissembler u
For neither man nor angel can di
Hypocrisy, the only evil that wa
Invisible, except to God alone,
By his permissive will, through l
And oft though wisdom wake, su
At wisdom's gate, and to simplic
Resigns her charge, while goodn

ıs with thine eyes what some perhaps, 700
l with report, hear only in heaven:
erful indeed are all his works,
o know, and worthiest to be all
membrance always with delight:
created mind can comprehend 705
ıber, or the wisdom infinite
ıght them forth, but hid their causes deep?
en at his word the formless mass,
d's material mould, came to a heap:
ı heard his voice, and wild uproar 710
d, stood vast infinitude confin'd;
ı second bidding darkness fled,
ne, and order from disorder sprung.
heir several quarters hasted then
ırous elements, earth, flood, air, fire, 715
ethereal quintessence of heaven
ırd, spirited with various forms,
d orbicular, and turned to stars
ss, as thou seest, and how they move;
his place appointed, each his course; 720
n circuit walls this universe.
ırnward on that globe, whose hither side
t from hence, though but reflected, shines:
e is Earth, the seat of man; that light
which else, as th' other hemisphere, 725
uld invade; but there the neighb'ring moon
ıat opposite fair star) her aid
ıterposes, and her monthly round,
ıg, still renewing, through mid heaven,
ıow'd light her countenance triform 730
s and empties to enlighten th' earth,
ır pale dominion checks the night.
. to which I point is Paradise,
bode, those lofty shades his bower: 734
thou canst not miss, me mine requires."
ıid, he turn'd; and Satan bowing low,
erior spirits is wont in heaven,
ınour due and reverence none neglects,
ıe, and tow'rd the coast of earth beneath,
m th' ecliptic, sped with hop'd success, 740
is steep flight in many an airy wheel,
till on Niphates' top he lights.

END OF BOOK THIRD.

BOOK IV.

THE ARGUMENT.

Satan, now in prospect of Eden, a
where he must now attempt the bo
he undertook alone against God a
many doubts with himself, and m
envy, and despair; but at length c
evil, journeys on to Paradise, whos
and situation is described, overleap
in the shape of a cormorant on
highest in the garden, to look about
described; Satan's first sight of Ad
wonder at their excellent form an
with resolution to work their fall
discourse, thence gathers that the
was forbidden them to eat of, under
and thereon intends to found hi
seducing them to transgress: then le
to know further of their state by
Meanwhile Uriel

ıg her in a dream, and bring him, though un-
, to Gabriel; by whom questioned, he scorn-
ıswers, prepares resistance, but hindered by a
om heaven, flies out of Paradise.

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at warning voice, which he who saw
:alypse heard cry in heaven aloud,
en the Dragon, put to second rout,
ious down to be reveng'd on men,
h' inhabitants on earth! that now, 5
ne was, our first parents had been warn'd
ing of their secret foe, and scap'd,
scap'd his mortal snare: for now
ıw first inflam'd with rage, came down,
ɔter, ere th' accuser of mankind, 10
k on innocent frail man his loss
irst battle, and his flight to hell.
rejoicing in his speed, though bold,
nd fearless, nor with cause to boast,
is dire attempt; which nigh the birth 15
ing, boils in his tumultuous breast,
a devilish engine back recoils
nself: horror and doubt distract
ɔled thoughts, and from the bottom stir
within him; for within him hell 20
s, and round about him, nor from hell
, no more than from himself, can fly
ge of place: now conscience wakes despair
mber'd; wakes the bitter memory
he was, what is, and what must be 25
of worse deeds worse sufferings must ensue.
es tow'rds Eden, which now in his view
sant, his griev'd look he fixes sad;
es tow'rds heaven, and the full blazing sun,
ow sat high in his meridian tower: 30
ıch revolving, thus in sighs began

ɔu! that with surpassing glory crown'd,
rom thy sole dominion like the god
ew world; at whose sight all the stars
ır diminish'd heads; to thee I call, 35
ɔo friendly voice, and add thy name,
tell thee how I hate thy beams,

[illegible] none; nor was his servi[illegible]
What could be less than to afford hi[illegible]
The easiest recompense, and pay hi[illegible]
How due! yet all his good prov'd ill[illegible]
And wrought but malice; lifted up [illegible]
I s'dain'd subjection, and thought on[illegible]
Would set me highest, and in a mom[illegible]
The debt immense of endless gratitu[illegible]
So burdensome still paying, still to o[illegible]
Forgetful what from him I still recei[illegible]
And understood not that a grateful n[illegible]
By owing owes not, but still pays, at [illegible]
Indebted and discharg'd: what burde[illegible]
O had his powerful destiny ordain'd
Me some inferior angel, I had stood
Then happy; no unbounded hope hac[illegible]
Ambition. Yet why not? some othe[illegible]
As great might have aspir'd, and me,
Drawn to his part; but other powers
Fell not, but stand unshaken, from wi[illegible]
Or from without, to all temptations ar[illegible]
Hadst thou the same free will and pow[illegible]
Thou hadst: whom hast thou then or [illegible]
But heaven's free love dealt equally to[illegible]
Be then his love accurs'd, since love o[illegible]
To me alike, it deals eternal wo.
[illegible]

irits beneath, whom I seduc'd
omises and other vaunts
it, boasting I could subdue 85
nt. Ay me, they little know
abide that boast so vain,
orments inwardly I groan,
lore me on the throne of hell.
and sceptre high advanc'd, 90
l I fall, only supreme
ch joy ambition finds.
d repent and could obtain
e my former state; how soon 94
recal high thoughts, how soon unsay
submission swore! ease would recant
pain, as violent and void.
true reconcilement grow,
s of deadly hate have pierc'd so deep;
but lead me to a worse relapse 100
ill: so should I purchase dear
sion bought with double smart.
y punisher; therefore as far
he, as I from begging peace:
ded thus, behold, instead 105
exil'd, his new delight,
ted, and for him this world.
pe, and with hope farewell fear,
rse: all good to me is lost;
ly good; by thee at least 110
e with heaven's King I hold,
nore than half perhaps will reign;
ng, and this new world shall know."

he spake each passion dimm'd his face,
l with pale ire, envy, and despair; 116
his borrow'd visage, and betray'd
it, if any eye beheld:
minds from such distempers foul
. Whereof he soon aware,
tion smooth'd with outward calm, 120
ud! And was the first
falsehood, under saintly show
conceal, couch'd with revenge.
h had practis'd, to deceive 124
n'd; whose eye pursued him down
nt, and on th' Assyrian mount

Nor stop [illegible]
Heaven's everlasting frame, while o'[illegible]
Thou drov'st warring angels disarray'd.
Back from pursuit thy powers with loud ac
Thee only extol'd, Son of thy Father's migh
To execute fierce vengeance on his foes.
Not so on man: him thro' their malice falle
Father of mercy and grace! thou didst not
So strictly, but much more to pity incline:
No sooner did thy dear and only Son
Perceive thee purpos'd not to doom frail ma
So strictly, but much more to pity incline,
He, to appease thy wrath, and end the strif
Of mercy and justice in thy face discern'd,
Regardless of the bliss wherein he sat
Second to thee, offer'd himself to die
For man's offence. O unexampled love!
Love no where to be found less than divin
Hail, Son of God, Saviour of men! Thy r
Shall be the copious matter of my song
Henceforth, and never shall my harp thy
Forget, nor from thy Father's praise disjo

Thus they in heaven, above the starry
Their happy hours in joy and hymning s
Meanwhile upon the firm opacous globe
Of this round world, whose first convex [illegible]
[illegible] enclos'd

Whose snowy ridge the roving Tartar bounds,
Dislodging from a region scarce of prey,
To gorge the flesh of lambs, or yeanling kids
On hills where flocks are fed, flies tow'rds the sp
Of Ganges, or Hydaspes, Indian streams;
But in his way lights on the barren plains
Of Sericana, where Chineses drive
With sails of wind their cany wagons light:
So on this windy sea of land, the fiend
Walk'd up and down alone, bent on his prey;
Alone, for other creature in this place,
Living or lifeless, to be found was none;
None yet; but store hereafter from the earth
Up hither like aerial vapours flew,
Of all things transitory and vain, when sin
With vanity had fill'd the works of men:
Both all things vain, and all who in vain things
Built their fond hopes of glory or lasting fame,
Or happiness in this or th' other life:
All who have their reward on earth, the fruits
Of painful superstition and blind zeal,
Nought seeking but the praise of men, here find
Fit retribution, empty as their deeds:
All th' unaccomplish'd works of nature's hand,
Abortive, monstrous, or unkindly mix'd,
Dissolv'd on earth, fleet hither, and in vain,
Till final dissolution, wander here:
Not in the neighb'ring moon, as some have drea
Those argent fields more likely habitants,
Translated saints or middle spirits hold,
Betwixt the angelical and human kind.
Hither, of ill-join'd sons and daughters born,
First from the ancient world those giants came,
With many a vain exploit, though then renown
The builders next of Babel on the plain
Of Sennaar, and still with vain design
New Babels, had they wherewithal, would buil
Others came single; he who, to be deem'd
A god, leap'd fondly into Ætna's flames,
Empedocles; and he who, to enjoy
Plato's Elysium, leap'd into the sea,
Cleombrotus; and many more too long,
Embryos, and idiots, eremites, and friars,
White, black, and grey, with all their trumpe
Dire pilgrims roam, that stray'd so far to se

The trepidation [illegible]
And now Saint Peter at heaven's wi[illegible]
To wait them with his keys, and now a[illegible]
Of heaven's ascent they lift their feet, wl[illegible]
A violent cross wind from either coast
Blows them transverse, ten thousand lea[illegible]
Into the devious air; then might ye see
Cowls, hoods, and habits, with their wea[illegible]
And flutter'd into rags; then reliques, b[illegible]
Indulgences, dispenses, pardons, bulls,
The sport of winds: all these, up-whirl'[illegible]
Fly o'er the backside of the world far off
Into a Limbo large and broad, since call'[illegible]
The Paradise of Fools, to few unknown
Long after: now unpeopled, and untro[illegible]
All this dark globe the fiend found as h[illegible]
And long he wander'd, till at last a glea[illegible]
Of dawning light turn'd thither-ward in[illegible]
His travell'd steps: far distant he desc[illegible]
Ascending by degrees magnificent
Up to the wall of heaven, a structure h[illegible]
At top whereof, but far more rich, app[illegible]
The work as of a kingly palace gate,
With frontispiece of diamond, and gol[illegible]
Embellish'd; thick with sparkling or[illegible]
The portal shone, inimitable on earth
[illegible] by shading pencil drawn

Wrapp'd in a chariot drawn by fiery steeds.
The stairs were then let down, whether to dare
The fiend by easy ascent, or aggravate
His sad exclusion from the doors of bliss:
Direct against which open'd from beneath,
Just o'er the blissful seat of Paradise,
A passage down to th' earth, a passage wide,
Wider by far than that of after-times
Over mount Sion, and, though that were large,
Over the promis'd Land to God so dear,
By which, to visit oft those happy tribes,
On high behests his angels to and fro
Pass'd frequent, and his eye with choice regard
From Paneas, the fount of Jordan's flood,
To Beersaba, where the Holy Land
Borders on Egypt and th' Arabian shore;
So wide the opening seem'd, where bounds were
To darkness, such as bound the ocean wave.
Satan from hence, now on the lower stair,
That scal'd by steps of gold to heaven gate,
Looks down with wonder at the sudden view
Of all this world at once. As when a scout,
Through dark and desert ways with peril gone
All night, at last, by break of cheerful dawn,
Obtains the brow of some high-climbing hill,
Which to his eye discovers unaware
The goodly prospect of some foreign land
First seen, or some renown'd metropolis,
With glist'ring spires and pinnacles adorn'd,
Which now the rising sun gilds with his beams
Such wonder seiz'd, though after heaven seen,
The spirit malign; but much more envy seiz'd
At sight of all this world beheld so fair.
Round he surveys (and well might where he stood
So high above the circling canopy
Of night's extended shade) from eastern point
Of Libra, to the fleecy star, that bears
Andromeda far off Atlantic seas,
Beyond th' horizon: then from pole to pole
He views in breadth; and without longer pause
Down right into the world's first region throws
His flight precipitant, and winds with ease,
Through the *pure* marble air his oblique way,
Amongst innumerable stars, that shone,
Stars distant, but nigh hand seem'd other wo

And banish'd from man's life his hap
Simplicity and spotless innocence!
So pass'd they naked on, nor shunn'd
Of God or angel, for they thought no
So hand in hand they pass'd, the love
That ever since in love's embraces m
Adam, the goodliest man of men sinc
His sons; the fairest of her daughter
Under a tuft of shade, that on a green
Stood whisp'ring soft, by a fresh fou
They sat them down: and, after no
Of their sweet gard'ning labour than
To recommend cool Zephyr, and ma
More easy, wholesome thirst and ap
More grateful, to their supper fruits
Nectarine fruits which the complian
Yielded them, sidelong as they sat
On the soft downy bank damask'd
The savoury pulp they chew, and i
Still as they thirsted scoop the brim
Nor gentle purpose nor endearing s
Wanted, nor youthful dalliance, as
Fair couple, link'd in happy nuptia
Alone as they. About them frisk
All beasts of th' earth, since wild,
In wood or wilderness, forest or den

Gave proof unheeded; others on the grass
Couch'd, and, now fill'd with pasture, gazing so
Or bedward ruminating; for the sun
Declin'd was hasting now with prone career
To th' ocean isles, and in th' ascending scale
Of heaven the stars that usher evening rose:
When Satan, still in gaze as first he stood,
Scarce thus at length fail'd speech recover'd sad

"O hell! what do mine eyes with grief beho
Into our room of bliss thus high advanc'd
Creatures of other mould; earth-born perhaps,
Not spirits; yet to heavenly spirits bright
Little inferior; whom my thoughts pursue
With wonder, and could love, so lively shines
In them divine resemblance, and such grace
The hand that form'd them on their shape
pour'd.
Ah, gentle pair! ye little think how nigh
Your change approaches; when all these deligl
Will vanish, and deliver ye to wo;
More wo, the more your taste is now of joy:
Happy! but for so happy ill secur'd
Long to continue; and this high seat your heav
Ill-fenc'd for heaven, to keep out such a foe
As now is enter'd: yet no purpos'd foe
To you, whom I could pity thus forlorn,
Though I unpitied. League with you I seek,
And mutual amity, so strait, so close,
That I with you must dwell, or you with me
Henceforth: my dwelling haply may not pleas
Like this fair Paradise, your sense; yet such
Accept your Maker's work; He gave it me,
Which I as freely give: hell shall unfold,
To entertain you two, her widest gates,
And send forth all her kings: there will be roc
(Not like these narrow limits,) to receive
Your numerous offspring: if no better place,
Thank him who puts me loath to this revenge
On you, who wrong'd me not, for him who wro
And should I at your harmless innocence
Melt, (as I do,) yet public reason just,
Honour and empire with revenge enlarg'd,
By conqu'ring this new world, compels me no
To do, what else (though damn'd) I should e

A lion now he stalks with fiery glare;
Then as a tiger, who by chance hath
In some purlieu, two gentle fawns at
Strait couches close, then rising chang
His couchant watch, as one who chos
Whence rushing he might surest seize
Grip'd in each paw: when Adam, firs
To first of women, Eve, thus moving
Turn'd him, all ear, to hear new utter

"Sole partner, and sole part of all
Dearer thyself than all: needs must
That made us, and for us this ample
Be infinitely good, and of his good
As liberal, and free as infinite;
That rais'd us from the dust, and pla
In all this happiness, who at his hanc
Have nothing merited, nor can perfo
Ought whereof he hath need: he wh
From us no other service than to kee
This one, this easy charge, 'Of all t
In Paradise that bear delicious fruit
So various, not to taste that only tre
Of knowledge, planted by the tree of
So near grows death to life! whate'
Some dreadful thing no doubt: for w

, following our delightful task,
these growing plants, and tend these
ers;
e it toilsome, yet with thee were sweet."

n thus Eve replied: "O thou for whom,
whom, I was form'd; flesh of thy flesh;
ut whom am to no end; my guide 442
what thou hast said is just and right.
im indeed all praises owe,
hanks; I chiefly, who enjoy 445
happier lot, enjoying thee
t by so much odds; while thou
t to thyself canst no where find.
oft remember, when from sleep
'd, and found myself repos'd 450
ade on flowers; much wond'ring where
I was, whence thither brought, and how.
far from thence a murmu'ring sound
ssued from a cave, and spread
d plain, then stood unmov'd, 455
expanse of heaven: I thither went,
perienc'd thought, and laid me down
n bank, to look into the clear
e, that to me seem'd another sky.
own to look, just opposite 460
thin the wat'ry gleam appear'd,
look on me: I started back;
ack: but pleas'd I soon return'd;
turn'd as soon; with answering looks
y and love: there I had fix'd 465
ill now, and pin'd with vain desire,
voice thus warn'd me: 'What thou seest,
thou seest, fair creature, is thyself;
it came and goes: but follow me,
bring thee where no shadow stays 470
g, and thy soft embraces; he
ge thou art: him thou shalt enjoy,
thine, to him shalt bear
like thyself, and thence be call'd
uman race.' What could I do 475
straight, invisibly thus led
d *thee, fair* indeed, and tall,
tain; yet, methought, less fair,
soft, less amiably mild,

My other half ...
Seiz'd mine; I yielded; and from t
How beauty is excell'd by manly gr
And wisdom, which alone is truly fa

So spake our general mother, an
Of conjugal attraction unreprov'd,
And meek surrender, half embracin
On our first father: half her swellin
Naked met his, under the flowing g
Of her loose tresses hid: he in delig
Both of her beauty and submissive
Smil'd with superior love; as Jupit
On Juno smiles, when he impregns
That shed May flowers; and pres
With kisses pure: aside the Devil
For envy, yet with jealous leer mal
Eyed them askance; and to himsel

"Sight hateful, sight tormenting
Imparadis'd in one another's arms,
(The happier Eden!) shall enjoy
Of bliss on bliss: while I to hell am
Where neither joy nor love, but fie
Amongst our other torments not t
Still unfulfill'd with pain of longin
... not forget what I have

re desire to know, and to reject
mmands, invented with design 525
hem low, whom knowledge might exalt
h gods: aspiring to be such,
e and die: what likelier can ensue?
with narrow search I must walk round
en, and no corner leave unspied;
but chance may lead where I may meet 530
d'ring spirit of heaven, by fountain side
k shade retir'd, from him to draw
ther would be learn'd. Live while ye may,
y pair! Enjoy, till I return,
sures; for long woes are to succeed!" 535

ng, his proud step he scornful turn'd,
ly circumspection, and began,
wood, through waste, o'er hill, o'er dale, his
m,
e in utmost longitude, where heaven
h and ocean meets, the setting sun 540
scended; and with right aspect
e eastern gate of Paradise
is evening rays: it was a rock
er, pil'd up to the clouds,
us far; winding with one ascent 545
from earth, one entrance high:
vas craggy cliff, that overhung
ose, impossible to climb.
ese rocky pillars Gabriel sat,
' angelic guards, awaiting night: 550
exercis'd heroic games
d youth of heaven; but nigh at hand
rmoury, shields, helms, and spears,
with diamond flaming, and with gold.
me Uriel, gliding through the even 555
eam, swift as a shooting star
thwarts the night, when vapours fir'd
e air, and shows the mariner
t point of his compass to beware
winds: he thus began in haste: 560

el! To thee thy course by lot hath given
d *strict* watch, that to this happy place
g *approach*, or enter in.
t height of noon, came to my sphere

Mine eye pursued him [illegible]
Lost sight of him. One of the banish'
I fear, hath ventur'd from the deep, to
New troubles; him thy care must be t

To whom the winged warrior thus r
"Uriel! No wonder if thy perfect sigh
Amid the sun's bright circle, where tho
See far and wide: in at this gate none
'The vigilance here plac'd, but such as
Well known from heaven; and since n
No creature thence: if spirit of other s
So minded, have o'erleap'd these earth
On purpose, hard thou know'st it to ex
Spiritual substance with corporeal bar.
But, if within the circuit of these walk
In whatsoever shape he lurk, of whom
'Thou tell'st, by morrow dawning I sha

So promis'd he: and Uriel to his cha
Return'd, on that bright beam, who
Bore him slope downward to the sun, n
Beneath th' Azores: whither the prim
Incredible how swift, had thither roll'd
Diurnal; or this less voluble earth,
By shorter flight to th' east, had left hi
[illegible] and gol

ıded majesty, at length,
ıen, unveil'd her peerless light,
dark her silver mantle threw.

m thus to Eve: "Fair consort! th'hour
all things now retir'd to rest, 611
te repose; since God hath set
est, as day and night, to men
ınd the timely dew of sleep,
vith soft slumb'rous weight, inclines
other creatures all day long 616
employ'd, and less need rest:
daily work of body, or mind,
hich declares his dignity,
rd of heaven on all his ways: 620
ınimals unactive range;
loings God takes no account.
:re fresh morning streak the east
proach of light, we must be risen,
easant labour, to reform 625
arbours; yonder alleys green,
ıoon, with branches overgrown:
ır scant manuring, and require
han ours to lop their wanton growth:
ns also, and those dropping gums, 630
own, unsightly and unsmooth,
if we mean to tread with ease:
s nature wills, night bids us rest."

hus Eve, with perfect beauty adorn'd:
and disposer! What thou bid'st 635
bey; so God ordains:
w, thou mine; to know no more
ıppiest knowledge and her praise.
ıversing I forget all time;
ıd their change, all please alike: 640
ıreath of morn, her rising sweet,
of earliest birds: pleasant the sun,
this delightful land he spreads
ıms, on herb, tree, fruit, and flower,
ı dew: fragrant the fertile earth 645
wers: and sweet the coming on
ening mild: then silent night,
solemn bird, and this fair moon,
gems of heaven, her starry train:

But wherefore all night long shine these,
This glorious sight, when sleep hath sl

To whom our general ancestor repli
"Daughter of God and man, accompli
These have their course to finish roun
By morrow evening, and from land to
In order, though to nations yet unbor
Minist'ring light prepar'd, they set ar
Lest total darkness should by night r
Her old possession, and extinguish li
In nature and all things, which these
Not only enlighten, but with kindly
Of various influence foment and warr
Temper or nourish, or in part shed d
Their stellar virtue on all kinds that
On earth, made hereby apter to recei
Perfection from the sun's more poten
These then, though unbeheld in deep
Shine not in vain; nor think, tho' m
That heaven would want spectators,
Millions of spiritual creatures walk
Unseen, both when we wake and wl
And these with cea
Both day and nig
Of echoing hill, o

rt, was inwoven shade,
le; and what higher grew,
rant leaf: on either side 695
ach odorous bushy shrub,
ırdant wall: each beauteous flower,
es and jessamine,
ıeir flourish'd heads between, and
ght
oot the violet, 700
cinth, with rich inlay
ound; more colour'd than with stone
em: other creature here,
:t, or worm, durst enter none;
we of man! In shadier bower 705
l sequester'd, though but feign'd,
s, never slept; nor nymph,
nted. Here, in close recess,

Whatever hypocrisy
Of purity, and place, and innocence:
Defaming as impure what God decla
Pure; and commands to some, leave
Our Maker bids increase; who bids
But our destroyer, foe to God and m
Hail, wedded love! mysterious law,
Of human offspring, sole propriety
In Paradise! of all things common el
By thee adulterous lust was driven fr
Among the bestial herds to range; b
Founded in reason, loyal, just, and p
Relations dear, and all the charities
Of father, son, and brother, first were
Far be it, that I should write thee sin
Or think thee unbefitting holiest plac
Perpetual fountain of domestic swee
Whose bed is undefil'd, and chaste, p
Present, or past; as saints and patri
Here Love his golden shafts employs
His constant lamp; and waves his p
Reigns here, and revels: not in the
Of harlots, loveless, joyless, unendea
Casual fruition! nor in court amour
Mix'd dance, or wanton mask, or m
Or serenade, which the starv'd lover
To his proud fair, best quitted with

watches in warlike parade, 780
to his next in power thus spake:

ıIf these draw off, and coast the south
watch: these other wheel the north;
:ets full west." As flame they part,
to the shield, half to the spear. 785
ro strong and subtle spirits he call'd,
stood, and gave them thus in charge:

ıd Zephon! with wing'd speed
ıis garden, leave unsearch'd no nook
ere those two fair creatures lodge, 790
aps asleep, secure of harm.
rom the sun's decline arriv'd,
ome infernal spirit, seen
nt, (who could have thought?) escap'd
ll; on errand bad, no doubt: 795
: find, seize fast, and hither bring."

n he led his radiant files,
ıoon: these to the bower direct,
rhom they sought: him there they
nd,
ad, close at the ear of Eve; 800
ıis devilish art, to reach
her fancy, and with them forge
list, phantoms, and dreams:
venom, he might taint
rits, that from pure blood arise, 805
:aths from rivers pure; thence raise
per'd, discontented thoughts;
ın aims, inordinate desires,
high conceits engend'ring pride.
ıt Ithuriel with his spear 810
; for no falsehood can endure
ial temper, but returns
ɔwn likeness; up he starts,
surpris'd. As when a spark
ıp of nitrous powder, laid 815
some magazine to store
ɔur'd war, the smutty grain
laze diffus'd, inflames the air:
ı his own shape the fiend,
ɔse two fair angels, half amaz'd, 8

"Know ye not then, [illegible] ,
"Know ye not me? ye knew me onc
For you; there sitting where ye durst
Not to know me argues yourselves un
The lowest of your throng: or if ye k
Why ask ye, and superfluous begin
Your message, like to end as much in

To whom thus Zephon, answering sc
"Think not revolted spirit, thy shape
Or undiminish'd brightness, to be knc
As when thou stood'st in heaven, up
That glory then, when thou no more
Departed from thee; and thou resem
Thy sin, and place of doom, obscure
But come; for thou, be sure, shalt gi
To him who sent us, whose charge is
This place inviolable, and these from

So spake the cherub; and his gra
Severe in youthful beauty, added gra
Invincible: abash'd the Devil stood,
And felt how awful goodness is, and
Virtue in her shape how lovely; sa
His loss: but chiefly to find here ob
His lustre visibly impair'd: yet see
[illegible] contend"

:art, not else dismay'd. Now drew they nigh
estern point, where those half-rounding guards
ıet, and closing stood in squadron join'd,
ing next command. To whom their chief,
:l, from the front thus call'd aloud : 865

friends, I hear the tread of nimble feet
ıg this way, and now by glimpse discern
:l and Zephon through the shade,
'ith them comes a third of regal port,
ded splendour wan; who, by his gait 870
erce demeanour, seems the prince of hell,
cely to part hence without contest;
firm, for in his look defiance lowers."

scarce had ended, when those two approach'd,
rief related whom they brought, where found,
ıusied, in what form and posture couch'd. 876

whom with stern regard thus Gabriel spake:
' hast thou, Satan, broke the bounds prescrib'd
' transgressions, and disturb'd the charge
ers, who approve not to transgress 880
example, but have power and right
:stion thy bold entrance on this place;
y'd it seems to violate sleep, and those
: dwelling God hath planted here in bliss?"

vhom thus Satan with contemptuous brow:
iel, thou hadst in heaven th' esteem of wise,
ıch I held thee; but this question ask'd 887
.e in doubt. Lives there who loves his pain?
vould not, finding way, break loose from hell,
h thither doom'd? Thou wouldst thyself, no
doubt, 890
ıldly venture to whatever place
st from pain, where thou might'st hope to
:hange
nt with ease, and soonest recompense
ith delight, which in this place I sought;
e no reason, who know'st only good, 895
I hast not tried; and wilt object
ll who bound us? let him surer bar
ı gates, if he intends our stay
dark durance: thus much what was ask'd.

And now returns him from his passion
Gravely in doubt whether to hold the
Or not, who ask what boldness broug
Unlicens'd, from his bounds in hell pr
So wise he judges it to fly from pain
However, and to scape his punishme
So judge thou still, presumptuous, til
Which thou incurr'st by flying, meet
Sevenfold, and scourge that wisdom b
Which taught thee yet no better, tha
Can equal anger infinite provok'd.
But wherefore thou alone? wherefor
Came not all hell broke loose? is pai
Less pain, less to be fled? or thou th
Less hardy to endure? Courageous
The first in flight from pain, hadst th
To thy deserted host this cause of fl
Thou surely hadst not come sole fugi

To which the fiend thus answer'd, f
"Not that I less endure, or shrink fro
Insulting angel: well thou know'st I
Thy fiercest, when in battle to thy a
The blasting vollied thunder made al
And seconded thy else not dreaded s
But still thy words at random, as bef

asier business were to serve 'heir Lord
in heaven, with songs to hymn his throne,
:tis'd distances to cringe, not fight." 945

om the warrior angel soon replied:
and straight unsay, pretending first
fly pain, professing next the spy,
o leader but a liar trac'd,
ıd couldst thou faithful add? O name, 950
name of faithfulness profan'd!
to whom? to thy rebellious crew?
fiends, fit body to fit head.
your discipline and faith engag'd,
itary obedience, to dissolve 955
:e to th' acknowledg'd power supreme?
ı, sly hypocrite! who now wouldst seem
'liberty, who more than thou
'n'd and cring'd, and servilely ador'd
; awful monarch? wherefore, but in hope
ssess him, and thyself to reign? 961
: what I areed thee now—Avaunt;
er whence thou fledst: if from this hour
hese hallow'd limits thou appear,
h' infernal pit I drag thee chain'd, 965
thee so, as henceforth not to scorn
e gates of hell too slightly barr'd."

:aten'd he; but Satan to no threats
:d, but waxing more in rage, replied:

ı when I am thy captive talk of chains, 970
ıitary cherub, but ere then
ier load thyself expect to feel
' prevailing arm; though heaven's King
.hy wings, and thou with thy compeers,
ıe yoke, draw'st his triumphant wheels 975
'ss through the road of heaven star-pav'd."

thus he spake, th' angelic squadron bright
ery red, sharp'ning in mooned horns
alanx, and began to hem him round
'ted spears, as thick as when a field 980
ripe for harvest waving bends
'ed groves of ears, which way the wind
m; the careful ploughman doubting stur

deeds
Might have ensu'd; nor only Paradise
In this commotion, but the starry cope
Of heaven perhaps, or all the elements,
At least had gone to wrack, disturb'd,
With violence of this conflict, had not
Th' Eternal, to prevent such horrid fra
Hung forth in heaven his golden scales
Betwixt Astrea and the Scorpion sign,
Wherein all things created first he wei
The pendulous round earth with balan
In counterpoise, now ponders all event
Battles and realms: in these he put tv
The sequel each of parting and of figh
The latter quick up flew, and kick'd tl
Which Gabriel spying, thus bespake t

"Satan, I know thy strength, and mine,
Neither our own, but given; what fo
To boast what arms can do? since th
Than heaven permits, nor mine, tho'
To trample thee as mire: for proof l
And read thy lot in yon celestial sigr
Where thou art weigh'd, and shown
weak.

PARADISE LOST.

BOOK V.

THE ARGUMENT.

Morning approached, Eve relates to Adam her tr
some dream; he likes it not, yet comforts her.
come forth to their day-labours: their morning
at the door of their bower. God, to render m
excusable, sends Raphael to admonish him o
obedience; of his free estate; of his enemy n
hand, who he is, and why his enemy; and wh
else may avail Adam to know. Raphael comes
to Paradise: his appearance described; his co
discerned by Adam afar off sitting at the door
bower; he goes out to meet him, brings him
lodge, entertains him with the choicest fruits of
dise got together by Eve; their discourse at
Raphael performs his message, minds Adam
state and of his enemy; relates, at Adam's re
who that enemy is, and how he came to be so, begi
from his first revolt in heaven, and the occasion
of; how he drew his legions after him to the pa
the north, and there incited them to rebel with
persuading all but only Abdiel, a seraph, w
argument dissuades and opposes him, then for
him.

Now Morn, her rosy steps in th' eastern clime
Advancing, sow'd the earth with orient pearl,
When Adam wak'd, so custom'd, for his sleep
Was airy-light, from pure digestion bred,
And temp'rate vapours bland, which th' only
Of leaves and fuming rills, Aurora's fan,

Shot forth peculiar graces; th
Mild as when Zephyrus on Fl
Her hand soft touching, whisp
My fairest, my espous'd, my l
Heaven's last best gift, my eve
Awake; the morning shines a
Calls us; we lose the prime, to
Our tended plants, how blows
What drops the myrrh, and w
How nature paints her colours
Sits on the bloom extracting li

Such whisp'ring wak'd her,
On Adam, whom embracing, t

"O sole, in whom my thoug
My glory, my perfection! glad
Thy face and morn return'd; f
(Such night till this, I never pa
If dream'd, not, as I oft am wo
Works of day past, or morrow'
But of offence and trouble, whi
Knew never till this irksome ni

methought, alone I pass'd through ways 50
ought me on a sudden to the tree
dicted knowledge: fair it seem'd,
irer to my fancy than by day;
I wond'ring look'd, beside it stood
p'd and wing'd like one of those from heaven
t seen: his dewy locks distill'd 56
a; on that tree he alighted;
fair plant,' said he, 'with fruit surcharg'd,
ione to ease thy load and taste thy sweet?
l, nor man? is knowledge so despis'd? 60
, or what reserve, forbids to taste?
vho will, none shall from me withhold
hy offer'd good; why else set here?'
d he paus'd not, but with vent'rous arm
c'd, he tasted; me damp horror chill'd 65
bold words, vouch'd with a deed so bold:
ius, overjoy'd: 'O fruit divine,
thyself, but much more sweet thus cropt,
n here, it seems as only fit
, yet able to make gods of men: 70
y not gods of men, since good, the more
icated, more abundant grows,
nor not impair'd, but honour'd more?
ppy creature, fair angelic Eve,
thou also; happy though thou art, 75
thou may'st be, worthier canst not be:
s, and be henceforth among the gods,
a goddess, not to earth confin'd,
etimes in the air, as we, sometimes
o heaven, by merit thine, and see 80
e the gods live there, and such live thou.'
g, he drew nigh, and to me held,
my mouth of that same fruit held part
e had pluck'd; the pleasant savoury smell
en'd appetite, that I, methought, 85
t but taste. Forthwith up to the clouds
n I flew, and underneath beheld
h outstretch'd immense, a prospect wide
ons: wond'ring at my flight and change
igh exaltation; suddenly 90
was gone, and I, methought, sunk down
leep; but O how glad I wak'd
s but a dream!" Thus Eve her night
d thus Adam answer'd sad:

Reason as chief; among these Far
Her office holds; of all external th
Which the five watchful senses rep
She forms imaginations, airy shape
Which Reason, joining or disjoinin
All what we affirm or what deny, a
Our knowledge or opinion; then re
Into her private cell when nature re
Oft in her absence mimic Fancy wa
To imitate her; but misjoining sha
Wild work produces oft, and most i
Ill matching words and deeds long p
Some such resemblances methinks I
Of our last evening's talk in this thy
But with addition strange: yet be n
Evil into the mind of God or man
May come and go, so unapprov'd, an
No spot or blame behind: which giv
That what in sleep thou didst abhor
Waking thou never wilt consent to d
Be not dishearten'd then, nor cloud th
That wont to be more cheerful and s
Than when fair morning first smiles
And let us to our fresh employments
Among the groves, the fountains, and
That open now their choicest bosom'

ey forth were come to open sight
ing, and the sun, who scarce up-risen,
els yet hov'ring o'er the ocean brim, 140
lel to th' earth his dewy ray,
g in wide landscape all the east
e and Eden's happy plains,
y bow'd adoring, and began
ons, each morning duly paid 145
style; for neither various style
apture wanted they to praise
ker, in fit strains pronounc'd or sung
ed, such prompt eloquence
m their lips, in prose or numerous verse;
ble than needed lute or harp 151
ore sweetness; and they thus began;

are thy glorious works, Parent of Good!
! thine this universal frame,
drous fair; thyself how wondrous then!
ble, who sitt'st above these heavens 156
sible, or dimly seen
ry lowest works; yet these declare
ness beyond thought, and power divine.
who best can tell, ye sons of light, 160
or ye behold him, and with songs
l symphonies, day without night,
throne rejoicing; ye in heaven:
oin all ye creatures, to extol
him last, him midst, and without end. 165
stars, last in the train of night,
ou belong not to the dawn,
re of day, that crown'st the smiling morn
bright circlet, praise him in thy sphere,
r arises, that sweet hour of prime. 170
of this great world both eye and soul,
dge him thy greater, sound his praise
rnal course, both when thou climb'st,
high noon hast gain'd, and when thou fall'st.
now meet'st the orient sun, now fliest 175
fix'd stars, fix'd in their orb that flies;
re other wand'ring fires, that move
dance, not without song, resound
, *who out* of darkness call'd up light.
e *elements*, the eldest birth 180

in honour to the world's, great
Whether to deck with clouds th
Or wet the thirsty earth with fa
Rising or falling still advance h
His praise, ye winds, that from
Breathe soft or loud; and wave
With every plant, in sign of wo
Fountains, and ye that warble,
Melodious murmurs, warbling tu
Join voices all ye living souls;
That singing up to heaven-gate
Bear on your wings and in your
Ye that in waters glide, and ye t
The earth, and stately tread, or
Witness if I be silent, morn or ev
To hill or valley, fountain or fres
Made vocal by my song, and tau
Hail, universal Lord! be bounteo
To give us only good; and, if the
Have gather'd ought of evil, or co
Disperse it, as now light dispels th

So pray'd they, innocent; and
Firm peace recover'd soon, and w
On to their morning's rural work
Among sweet dews and flowers

id he, "thou hear'st what stir on

ap'd through the darksome [illegible]
adise, and how disturb'd
nan pair; how he designs
ruin all mankind.
this day as friend with friend
am, in what bower or shade 230
rom the heat of noon retir'd,
labour with repast,
nd such discourse bring on,
of his happy state,
ower left free to will, 235
e will; his will, though free,
nce warn him to beware
secure: tell him withal,
m whom; what enemy,
from heaven, is plotting now 240
rom like state of bliss;
or that shall be withstood;
ies: this let him know,
gressing he pretend
ish'd, unforewarn'd." 245

nal Father, and fulfill'd
lay'd the wing'd saint
eiv'd; but from among
ardours, where he stood
is wings, up springing light, 250
st of heaven; th' angelic choirs
ng, to his speed gave way
pyreal road; till at the gate
he gate self-open'd wide,
urning, as by work 255
Architect had fram'd.
ud, or, to obstruct his sight,
vever small, he sees,
ther shining globes,
len of God, with cedars crown'd
s when by night the glass 261
ur'd, observes
regions in the moon;
st the Cyclades,
appearing, kens 265
wn thither prone in flight

[illegible] Egyptian [illegible]
At once on th' eastern cliff of [illegible]
He lights, and to his proper sh[illegible]
A seraph wing'd; six wings h[illegible]
His lineaments divine; the pai[illegible]
Each shoulder broad, came ma[illegible]
With regal ornament; the mid[illegible]
Girt like a starry zone his wais[illegible]
Skirted his loins and thighs wit[illegible]
And colours dipp'd in heaven;
Shadow'd from either heel with[illegible]
Sky-tinctur'd grain. Like Ma[illegible]
And shook his plumes, that hea[illegible]
The circuit wide. Straight kn[illegible]
Of angels under watch; and to[illegible]
And to his message high, in ho[illegible]
For on some message high they[illegible]
Their glittering tents he pass'd,
Into the blissful field, through g[illegible]
And flowering odours, cassia, n[illegible]
A wildness of sweets; for Natu[illegible]
Wanton'd as in her prime, and [illegible]
Her virgin fancies, pouring fort[illegible]
Wild above rule or art; enormo[illegible]
Him, through the spicy forest o[illegible]
Adam discern'd, as in the door h[illegible]
Of his cool bower [illegible]

way moving; seems another morn 310
d-noon: some great behest from heaven
ps he brings, and will vouchsafe
be our guest. But go with speed,
ıy stores contain bring forth, and pour
fit to honour and receive 315
y stranger: well we may afford
heir own gifts, and large bestow
bestow'd, where nature multiplies
rowth, and by disburd'ning grows
k, which instructs us not to spare." 320

ı thus Eve: "Adam, earth's hallow'd
ıould,
ir'd, small store will serve, where store
ripe for use hangs on the stalk;
ıy frugal storing firmness gains
and superfluous moist consumes: 325
aste, and from each bough and brake,
ınd juiciest gourd, will pluck such choice
ı our angel guest, as he
hall confess, that here on earth
spens'd his bounties as in heaven." 330

, with despatchful looks in haste
n hospitable thoughts intent
ɜ to choose for delicacy best;
, so contriv'd as not to mix
well join'd, inelegant, but bring 335
taste, upheld with kindliest change:
hen, and from each tender stalk
arth, all bearing mother, yields
ɜt or West, or middle shore
ır the Punic coast, or where 340
gn'd, fruit of all kinds in coat
nooth rind, or bearded husk, or shell,
, tribute large, and on the board
unsparing hand; for drink the grape
, inoffensive must, and meathes 345
a berry; and from sweet kernels press'd
ɜ dulcet creams; nor these to hold
fit vessels pure; then strews the ground
ınd odours from the shrub unfum'd.

ɜ our primitive great sire, to meet 350

[illegible] presence Adam, thoug
Yet with submiss approach, and r
As to a superior nature, bowing l
Thus said: "Native of heaven! f
None can than heaven such glorio
Since, by descending from the thr
Those happy places thou hast dei
To want, and honour these, vouch
Two only, who yet by sov'reign g
This spacious ground, in yonder s
To rest, and what the garden choi
To sit and taste, till this meridian
Be over, and the sun more cool dec

Whom thus th' angelic virtue ar
Adam! I therefore came; nor ar
Created, or such place hast here to
As may not oft invite, though spiri
To visit thee: lead on then where t
O'ershades; for these midhours, til
I have at will." So to the sylvan l
They came, that like Pomona's arl
With flowerets deck'd and fragrant
Undeck'd save with herself, more lo
Than wood-nymph, or the fairest g
Of three that in mount Ida naked st

P'd, though spring and autumn here
n hand. Awhile discourse they hold,
nner cool; when thus began 396
'Heavenly stranger! pleas'd to taste
s, which our nourisher, from whom
od, unmeasur'd out, descends
and for delight, hath caus'd 400
ield; unsavoury food perhaps
atures; only this I know,
stial Father gives to all."

ne angel: "Therefore what he gives
be ever sung!) to man in part 405
of purest spirits be found
food: and food alike those pure
ubstances require,
rational; and both contain
every lower faculty 410
reby they hear, see, smell, touch, taste;
ct, digest, assimilate,
to incorporeal turn.
iatever was created, needs
'd and fed; of elements, 415
eeds the purer, earth the sea,
sea feed air, the air those fires
as lowest, first the moon;
r visage round, those spots unpurg'd
vet into her substance turn'd. 420
noon no nourishment exhale
st continent to higher orbs.
light imparts to all, receives
limental recompense
ilations; and at even 425
ocean. Though in heaven the trees
ial fruitage bear, and vines
tho' from off the boughs each morn
lifluous dews, and find the ground
pearly grain: yet God hath here 430
inty so with new delights,
are with heaven; and to taste
hall be nice." So down they sat,
iands fell; nor seemingly
r in mist, the common gloss 435
but with keen despatch
and concoctive heat

As from the [illegible] and the
Minister'd naked, and the
With pleasant liquors crown'd
Deserving Paradise! if ever, t
Then had the sons of God ex
Enamour'd at that sight; bu
Love unlibidinous reign'd, no
Was understood, the injur'd

Thus when with meats ar
Not burden'd nature, sudde
In Adam, not to let th' occ
Given him by this great co
Of things above this world
Who dwell in heaven, whe
Transcend his own so far
Divine effulgence, whose
Exceeded human, and hi
Thus to th' empyreal mi

"Inhabitant with Go
Thy favour, in this hon
Under whose lowly roo
To enter, and these ea
Food not of angels, ye
As that more willingly
[illegible]ren's high f

Proportion'd to each kind. So from the root
Springs lighter the green stalk, from thence
leaves
More airy, last the bright consummate flower
Spirits odorous breathes: flowers and their frui
Man's nourishment, by gradual scale sublim'd,
The vital spirits aspire, to animal,
To intellectual; give both life and sense,
Fancy and understanding; whence the soul
Reason receives, and reason is her being,
Discoursive, or intuitive; discourse
Is oftest yours, the latter most is ours,
Differing but in degree, of kind the same.
Wonder not, then, what God for you saw good
If I refuse not, but convert, as you,
To proper substance: time may come, when m
With angels may participate, and find
No inconvenient diet, nor too light fare;
And from these corporal nutriments perhaps
Your bodies may at last turn all to spirit,
Improv'd by tract of time, and wing'd ascend
Ethereal, as we, or may at choice
Here or in heavenly Paradises dwell;
If ye be found obedient, and retain
Unalterably firm his love entire,
Whose progeny you are. Meanwhile enjoy
Your fill what happiness this happy state
Can comprehend, incapable of more."

To whom the patriarch of mankind replied:
"O favourable spirit, propitious guest!
Well hast thou taught the way that might direc
Our knowledge, and the scale of nature set
From centre to circumference, whereon,
In contemplation of created things,
By steps we may ascend to God. But say,
What meant that caution join'd, 'If ye be fou
Obedient?' can we want obedience then
To him, or possibly his love desert,
Who form'd us from the dust, and plac'd us her
Full to the utmost measure of what bliss
Human desires can seek or apprehend?"

To whom the angel: "Son of heaven and e
Attend! That thou art happy, owe to God

We disobeyd, [illegible]
Cast out from God and blesse
Into utter darkness, deep ingu
Ordain'd, without redemption

"So spake th' Omnipotent,
All seem'd well pleas'd; all s
That day, as other solemn da
In song and dance about the
Mystical dance! which yond
Of planets and of fix'd in all
Resembles nearest, mazes int
Eccentric, intervolv'd, yet re
Then most, when most irregu
And in their motions harmon
So smooths her charming ton
Listens delighted. Evening
(For we have also our evenin
We ours for change delectabl
Forthwith from dance to swe
Desirous; all in circles as th
Tables are set, and on a sudd
With angel's food, and rubie
In pearl, in diamond, and ma
Fruit of delicious vines, the g
On flowers repos'd, and with
They eat their drink, and in

ll the plain, and wider far
ı globous earth in plain outspread,
ɜ courts of God,) th' angelic throng, 650
bands and files, their camp extend
eams among the trees of life,
mberless, and sudden rear'd,
ernacles, where they slept
cool winds, save those who in their course
rmns about the sov'reign throne 656
night long: but not so wak'd
l him now, his former name
nore in heaven;) he of the first,
t archangel, great in power, 660
l pre-eminence, yet fraught
gainst the Son of God, that day
his great Father, and proclaim'd
g anointed, could not bear, 664
hat sight, and thought himself impair'd.
thence conceiving, and disdain,
ight brought on the dusky hour
sleep and silence, he resolv'd
egions to dislodge, and leave
d, unobey'd the throne supreme, 670
s, and his next subordinate
hus to him in secret spake:

thou, companion dear! what sleep can
ose
? and remember'st what decree
so late hath pass'd the lips 675
Almighty. Thou to me thy thoughts
mine to thee was wont t' impart;
we were one; how then can now
sent? New laws thou seest impos'd;
om him who reigns, new minds may
ise 680
ve, new counsels, to debate
il may ensue: more in this place
t safe. Assemble thou
ıyriads which we lead the chief;
it by command, ere yet dim night 685
cloud withdraws, I am to haste,
under me their banners wave,
ith flying march where we possess
of the north; there to prepare

Of his associate: he together c
Or several one by one, the reg
Under him regent; tells, as he
That, the Most High command
Now ere dim night had disincu
The great hierarchal standard
Tells the suggested cause, and
Ambiguous words and jealousi
Or taint integrity. But all ob
The wonted signal, and super
Of their great potentate; for
His name, and high was his d
His count'nance, as the morni
The starry flock, allur'd them
Drew after him the third part
Meanwhile th' eternal eye, w
Abstrusest thoughts, from for
And from within the golden l
Nightly before him, saw, wit
Rebellion rising; saw, in wh
Among the sons of morn, wh
Were banded to oppose his h
And, smiling, to his only So

"'Son! thou in whom m
To fall vicariadence. Heir of

whom the Son, with calm aspect and clear,
ng divine, ineffable, serene,
nswer: 'Mighty Father! thou thy foes 735
ast in derision, and, secure,
st at their vain deaigns and tumults vain;
to me of glory, whom their hate
tes, when they see all regal power
ne to quell their pride, and in event 740
whether I be dext'rous to subdue
ɔels, or be found the worst in heaven.'

spake the Son; but Satan with his powers
s advanc'd on winged speed, an host
rable as the stars of night, 745
s of morning, dew-drops, which the sun
s on every leaf, and every flower.
s they pass'd, the mighty regencies
phim, and potentates, and thrones,
triple degrees; regions to which 750
dominion, Adam, is no more
'hat this garden is to all the earth,
the sea, from one entire globose
d into longitude; which, having pass'd,
th into the limits of the north 755
ame; and Satan to his royal seat
a hill, far blazing, as a mount
on a mount, with pyramids and towers
iamond quarries hewn, and rocks of gold;
ace of great Lucifer, (so call 760
ructure in the dialect of men
ted,) which not long after he,
g all equality with God,
tion of that mount whereon
was declar'd in sight of heaven, 765
ountain of the Congregation call'd;
her he assembled all his train,
ing so commanded, to consult
he great reception of their King
to come, and with calumnious art 770
terfeited truth thus held their ears:

rones, dominations, princedoms, virtues,
magnific titles yet remain
powers!
ly titular, since by decree

Too much to obey, but [illegible]
To one, and to his image now
But what if better counsels mi
Our minds, and teach us to ca
Will ye submit your necks, a
The supple knee? Ye will n
To know ye right, or if ye kr
Natives and sons of heaven,
By none, and if not equal all,
Equally free; for orders and
Jar not with liberty, but wel
Who can in reason then, or
Monarchy over such as live
His equals, if in power and
In freedom equal? Or can i
Law and edict on us, who w
Err not? much less for this
And look for adoration, to t
Of those imperial titles, whi
Our being ordain'd to gover

"Thus far his bold discou
Had audience; when amon
Abdiel, than whom none wi
The Deity, and divine comm
Stood up, and in a flame of
[illegible]

d the knee, and in that honour due
im rightful King? Unjust, thou say'st,
just, to bind with laws the free,
l over equals to let reign, 820
all with unsuccéeded power.
u give law to God? Shalt thou dispute
the points of liberty, who made
it thou art, and form'd the powers of heaven
e pleas'd, and circumscrib'd their being?
xperience taught, we know how good, 826
ir good, and of our dignity
rident he is; how far from thought
us less, bent rather to exalt
y state, under one head more near 830
But to grant it thee unjust,
l over equals monarch reign:
hough great and glorious, dost thou count,
elic nature join'd in one,
um, begotten Son? by whom, 835
Word, the mighty Father made
, even thee; and all the spirits of heaven
eated in their bright degrees,
hem with glory, and to their glory nam'd
dominations, princedoms, virtues, powers,
powers, nor by his reign obscur'd, 841
illustrious made; since he, the head,
r number thus reduc'd becomes;
our laws; all honour to him done
ur own. Cease then this impious rage,
t not these; but hasten to appease 846
sed Father, and th' incensed Son,
rdon may be found, in time besought.'

ake the fervent angel; but his zeal
nded, as out of season judg'd, 850
ir and rash; whereat rejoic'd
ate, and more haughty thus replied:
were form'd then say'st thou? and the work
ary hands, by task transferr'd
her to his Son? Strange point and new!
which we would know whence learn'd, who
v 856
s creation was? remember'st thou
ing, while the Maker gave thee being?

Who is our equal: then
Whether by supplication we in
Address, and to begirt th' Alm
Beseeching or besieging. This
These tidings carry to th' anoi
And fly, ere evil intercept thy

"He said, and, as the sound
Hoarse murmur echoed to his
Through the infinite host; no
The flaming seraph, fearless,
Encompass'd round with foes

"'O alienate from God, O
Forsaken of all good! I see
Determin'd, and thy hapless
In this perfidious fraud, con
Both of thy crime and punis
No more be troubled how to
Of God's Messiah; those in
Will not be now vouchsaf'd
Against thee are gone forth
That golden sceptre, which
Is now an iron rod to bruis
Thy disobedience. Well
not for thy advice or

y he kept, his love, his zeal; 900
er, nor example, with him wrought
e from truth, or change his constant mind,
ingle. From amidst them forth he pass'd,
through hostile scorn, which he sustain'd
nor of violence fear'd ought; 905
retorted scorn his back he turn'd
proud towers to swift destruction doom'd.

END OF BOOK FIFTH.

BOOK V

THE ARGUM

Raphael continues to relate how were sent forth to battle again The first fight described. retire under night. He calls a engines, which in the second and his angels to some disor pulling up mountains, overwh machines of Satan. Yet th God on the third day sends whom he had reserved the gl in the power of his Father, causing all his legions to st with his chariot and thund of his enemies, pursues them, the wall of heaven which with horror and confusion ment prepared for them in th with triumph to his Father.

sues forth, and at the other door
ous darkness enters, till her hour 10
:he heaven, though darkness there might well
:ilight here: and now went forth the morn,
in highest heaven, array'd in gold
al; from before her vanish'd night,
o' with orient beams; when all the plain, 15
with thick embattled squadrons bright,
, and flaming arms, and fiery steeds,
ig blaze on blaze, first met his view:
perceiv'd, war in procinct, and found,
known, what he for news had thought 20
reported: gladly then he mix'd
:hose friendly powers, who him receiv'd
r and acclamations loud, that one,
so many myriads fallen, yet one
not lost. On to the sacred hill 25
i him high applauded, and present
e seat supreme; from whence a voice,
dst a golden cloud, thus mild was heard:

vant of God! well done, well hast thou fought
er fight, who single hast maintain'd 30
revolted multitudes the cause
in word mightier than they in arms;
he testimony of truth hast borne
l reproach, far worse to bear
lence; for this was all thy care 35
approv'd in sight of God, though worlds
ee perverse: the easier conquest now
thee, aided by this host of friends,
hy foes more glorious to return,
rn'd thou didst depart, and to subdue 40
who reason for their law refuse,
son for their law, and for their king
who by right of merit reigns.
ael, of celestial armies prince,
, in military prowess next, 45
lead forth to battle these my sons
; lead forth my armed saints,
nds and by millions rang'd for fight,
number to that godless crew
s; *then with* fire and hostile arms 50
ssault, and to the brow of heaven
drive them out from God and bliss

ethereal trumpet from on high
At which command the power
That stood for heaven, in migl
Of union irresistible, mov'd on
In silence their bright legions,
Of instrumental harmony, tha
Heroic ardour to advent'rous d
Under their godlike leaders, in
Of God and his Messiah. On
Indissolubly firm; nor obvious
Nor strait'ning vale, nor wood,
Their perfect ranks; for high
Their march was, and the pas
Their nimble tread; as when
Of birds, in orderly array, on
Came, summon'd over Eden, t
Their names of thee; so over
Of heaven they march'd, and n
Tenfold the length of this terre
Far in th' horizon, to the north
From skirt to skirt a fiery regio
In battailous aspect, and neare
Bristled with upright beams im
Of rigid spears, and helmets th
Various, with boastful argume
The banded powers of Satan, h

Of battle now began, and rushing sound
Of onset ended soon each milder thought.
High in the midst, exalted as a god,
Th' apostate in his sun-bright chariot sat,
Idol of majesty divine, enclos'd
With flaming cherubim and golden shields;
Then lighted from his gorgeous throne, for now
'Twixt host and host but narrow space was left,
A dreadful interval, and front to front
Presented stood in terrible array
Of hideous length; before the cloudy van,
On the rough edge of battle ere it join'd,
Satan, with vast and haughty strides, advanc'd,
Came tow'ring, arm'd in adamant and gold.
Abdiel that sight endur'd not, where he stood
Among the mightiest, bent on highest deeds,
And thus his own undaunted heart explores:

"'O heaven! that such resemblance of the high
Should yet remain, where faith and reality
Remain not: wherefore should not strength and mig
There fail where virtue fails, or weakest prove
Where boldest, though to sight unconquerable?
His puissance, trusting in th' Almighty's aid,
I mean to try, whose reason I have tried
Unsound and false; nor is it ought but just,
That he who in debate of truth hath won,
Should win in arms, in both disputes alike
Victor; though brutish that contest and foul,
When reason hath to deal with force, yet so
Most reason is that reason overcome.'

"So pondering, and from his arm'd peers
Forth stepping opposite, half way he met
His daring foe, at this prevention more
Incens'd, and thus securely him defied:

"'Proud, art thou met? thy hope was to ha
reach'd
The height of thy aspiring unoppos'd,
The throne of God unguarded, and his side
Abandon'd at the terror of thy power
Or potent tongue: fool, not to think how vain
Against th' Omnipotent to rise in arms;
Who out of smallest things could without end

Seem'd in thy world erroneous to
From all; my sect thou seest; n
How few sometimes may know, w

"Whom the grand foe, with sc
Thus answer'd: 'Ill for thee, but
Of my revenge, first sought for, t
From flight, seditious angel, to re
Thy merited reward, the first ass
Of this right hand provok'd, since
Inspir'd with contradiction, durst
A third part of the gods, in synoc
Their deities to assert, who, whil
Vigour divine within them, can a
Omnipotence to none. But well
Before thy fellows, ambitious to
From me some plume, that thy s
Destruction to the rest: this pau
(Unanswer'd lest thou boast) to l
At first I thought that liberty anc
To heavenly souls had been all o
I see that most through sloth had
Minist'ring spirits, train'd up in

ıt free, but to thyself inthral'd;
y dar'st our minist'ring upbraid.
ı in hell, thy kingdom; let me serve
God ever bless'd and his divine
ey, worthiest to be obey'd; 185
ı in hell, not realms expect; meanwhile
eturn'd, as erst thou saidst, from flight,
ing on thy impious crest receive.'

ing, a noble stroke he lifted high,
ıg not, but so swift with tempest fell 190
ud crest of Satan, that no sight,
n of swift thought, less could his shield,
intercept: ten paces huge
ecoil'd: the tenth on bended knee
spear upstay'd; as if on earth 195
ler ground, or waters forcing way,
ad push'd a mountain from his seat,
with all his pines. Amazement seiz'd
thrones, but greater rage to see
their mightiest; ours joy fill'd, and shout,
victory, and fierce desire 201
whereat Michael bid sound
ıgel trumpet: through the vast of heaven
, and the faithful armies rung
to th' Highest; nor stood at gaze 205
se legions, nor less hideous join'd
. shock. Now storming fury rose,
ur such as heard in heaven till now
; arms on armour clashing bray'd
iscord, and the madding wheels 210
chariots rag'd; dire was the noise
; over head the dismal hiss
rts in flaming vollies flew,
, vaulted either host with fire.
ery cope together rush'd 215
s main, with ruinous assault
nguishable rage; all heaven
, and had earth been then, all earth
centre shook. What wonder? when
fierce encount'ring angels fought 22
le, the least of whom could wield
nts, and arm him with the force
egions: how much more of power

When to advance, or stand, or turn t
Of battle, open when, and when to c
The ridges of grim war: no thought
None of retreat, no unbecoming deed
That argued fear; each on himself r
As only in his arm the moment lay
Of victory. Deeds of eternal fame
Were done, but infinite; for wide w
That war and various, sometimes on
A standing fight, then, soaring on m
Tormented all the air; all air seem'
Conflicting fire. Long time in even
The battle hung; till Satan, who th
Prodigious power had shown, and m
No equal, ranging through the dire
Of fighting seraphim confus'd, at len
Saw where the sword of Michael sm
Squadrons at once: with huge two-
Brandish'd aloft, the horrid edge car
Wide wasting; such destruction to
He hasted, and oppos'd the rocky o
Of tenfold adamant, his ample shiel
A vast circumference. At his appr
The great archangel from his warlil
Surceas'd, and glad, as hoping here
Intestine war in heaven, th' arch-fo

›bellion? how hast thou instill'd
ice into thousands, once upright 270
ıful, new prov'd false? But think not here
le holy rest; heaven casts thee out
her confines. Heaven the seat of bliss,
ɔt the works of violence and war:
an, and evil go with thee along, 275
ring, to the place of evil, hell,
l thy wicked crew; there mingle broils,
venging sword begin thy doom,
nore sudden vengeance, wing'd from God,
e thee with augmented pain!' 280

ake the prince of angels; to whom thus
rsary: 'Nor think thou with wind
reats to awe whom yet with deeds
st not. Hast thou turn'd the least of these
or if to fall, but that they rise 285
sh'd, easier to transact with me
ı shouldst hope, imperious, and with threat-
me hence? err not that so shall end
which thou call'st evil, but we style
of glory; which we mean to win, 290
ıis heaven itself into the hell
est, here however to dwell free,
ɔign: meanwhile thy utmost force,
ıim nam'd Almighty to thy aid,
ɔut have sought thee far and nigh.' 295

ended parle, and both address'd for fight
ble; for who, though with the tongue
can relate, or to what things
earth conspicuous, that may lift
ıagination to such height 300
power? for likest gods they seem'd,
r or mov'd, in stature, motion, arms,
de the empire of great heaven.
d their fiery swords, and in the air
id circles; two broad suns their shields 305
osite, while expectation stood
from each hand with speed retir'd,
t was thickest fight, th' angelic throng,
rge fields unsafe within the wind
nmotion: such as, to set forth 310
s by small, if Nature's concord broke

That ...
As not of power at once ; no
In might or swift prevention
Of Michael, from the armour
Was given him temper'd so,
Nor solid might resist that ec
The sword of Satan with ste
Descending, and in half cut s
But with swift wheel reverse
All his right side : then Sat
And writh'd him to and fro
The grinding sword with dis
Pass'd thro' him ; but th' et
Not long divisible ; and fro
A stream of nect'rous humo
Sanguine, such as celestial
And all his armour stain'd
Forthwith on all sides to hi
By angels many and stron
Defence, while others bore
Back to his chariot, where
From off the files of war ;
Gnashing for anguish, an
... himself not match

And with fierce ensigns pierc'd the deep array
Of Moloch, furious king; who him defied,
And at his chariot-wheels to drag him bound
Threaten'd, nor from the Holy One of heaven
Refrain'd his tongue blasphemous: but anon,
Down cloven to the waist, with shatter'd arms
And uncouth pain, fled bellowing. On each w
Uriel and Raphael his vaunting foe,
Though huge, and in a rock of diamond arm'd,
Vanquish'd Adramelech and Asmadai,
Two potent thrones, that to be less than gods
Disdain'd, but meaner thoughts learn'd in their f
Mangled with ghastly wounds thro' plate and r
Nor stood unmindful Abdiel to annoy
The atheist crew, but with redoubled blow
Ariel and Arioch, and the violence
Of Ramiel, scorch'd and blasted, overthrew.
I might relate of thousands, and their names
Eternize here on earth; but those elect
Angels, contented with their fame in heaven,
Seek not the praise of men: the other sort,
In might though wondrous, and in acts of war,
Nor of renown less eager, yet by doom
Cancel'd from heaven and sacred memory,
Nameless in dark oblivion let them dwell.
For strength, from truth divided and from just,
Illaudable, nought merits but dispraise
And ignominy, yet to glory aspires
Vain glorious, and through infamy seeks fame:
Therefore eternal silence be their doom.

"And now their mightiest quell'd, the l
swerv'd,
With many an inroad gor'd: deformed rout
Enter'd, and foul disorder; all the ground
With shiver'd armour strown, and on a heap
Chariot and charioteer lay overturn'd,
And fiery foaming steeds; what stood, recoil'd,
O'erwearied, through the faint Satanic host
Defensive scarce, or with pale fear surpris'd,
Then first with fear surpris'd and sense of pain
Fled ignominious, to such evil brought
By sin of disobedience, till that hour
Not liable to fear, or flight, or pain.
Far otherwise, th' inviolable saints

Unwearied, unobl...
By wound, tho' from their place

"Now night her course bega
Inducing darkness, grateful tru
And silence on the odious din
Under her cloudy covert both
Victor and vanquish'd. On t
Michael and his angels preval
Encamping, plac'd in guard t
Cherubic waving fires. on t
Satan with his rebellious dis
Far in the dark dislodg'd; a
His potentates to council ca
And in the midst thus undis

"'O now in danger tried
Not to be overpower'd, co
Found worthy not of liber
Too mean pretence, but, w
Honour, dominion, glory,
Who have sustain'd one d
(And if one day, why no
Lord ha

one: if other hidden cause
uperior, while we can preserve
minds and understanding sound,
and consultation will disclose.' 445

; and in th' assembly next upstood
principalities the prime;
tood escap'd from cruel fight,
his riven arms to havoc hewn,
in aspect thus answ'ring spake: 450
from new Lords, leader to free
of our right as gods; yet hard
nd too unequal work we find,
equal arms to fight in pain,
pain'd, impassive; from which evil 455
needs ensue; for what avails
rength, though matchless, quell'd with pain
ubdues, and makes remiss the hands
t? Sense of pleasure we may well
f life perhaps, and not repine, 460
tent, which is the calmest life
perfect misery, the worst
d excessive, overturns
. He who, therefore, can invent
more forcible we may offend 465
wounded enemies, or arm
vith like defence, to me deserves
n for deliverance what we owe.'

to with look compos'd Satan replied:
ented that, which thou aright 470
main to our success, I bring.
s who beholds the bright surface
reous mould whereon we stand,
ent of spacious heaven, adorn'd 474
, fruit, flower ambrosial, gems, and gold;
so superficially surveys
gs, as not to mind from whence they grow
ground, materials dark and crude,
and fiery spume, till touch'd
n's ray, and temper'd, they shoot forth
s, *opening* to the ambient light? 48
r dark nativity the deep
pregnant with infernal flame;
llow engines long and round

Effect shall end our wish. M
Abandon fear; to strength an
Think nothing hard, much les

"He ended, and his words
Enlighten'd, and their languis
Th' invention all admir'd, and
To be th' inventor miss'd; so
Once found, which yet unfo
thought
Impossible: yet haply of thy
In future days, if malice shoul
Some one, intent on mischief,
With devilish machination, m
Like instrument to plague the
For sin, on war and mutual sl
Forthwith from council to the
None arguing stood; innume
Were ready; in a moment u
Wide the celestial soil, and sa
Th' originals of nature in thei
Conception; sulphurous and
They found, they mingled, a

Of golden panoply, refulgent host,
Soon banded; others from the dawning hills
Look'd round, and scouts each coast light-arm'd scou
Each quarter, to descry the distant foe, 5
Where lodg'd, or whither fled, or if for fight,
In motion or in halt: him soon they met
Under spread ensigns moving nigh, in slow
But firm battalion; back with speediest sail
Zephiel, of cherubim the swiftest wing, 5
Came flying, and in mid air aloud thus cried:

"'Arm warriors, arm for fight; the foe at hand,
Whom fled we thought, will save us long pur[illegible]
This day; fear not his flight; so thick a cloud
He comes, and settled in his face I see 5
Sad resolution and secure; let each
His adamantine coat gird well, and each
Fit well his helm, gripe fast his orbed shield,
Borne even or high; for this day will pour down,
If I conjecture ought, no drizzling shower, 5
But rattling storm of arrows barb'd with fire.'

"So warn'd he them, aware themselves, and so
In order, quit of all impediment;
Instant without disturb they took alarm,
And onward move embattled: when behold 5
Not distant far with heavy pace the foe
Approaching, gross and huge, in hollow cube
Training his devilish enginry, impal'd
On every side with shadowing squadrons deep,
To hide the fraud. At interview both stood 5
Awhile; but suddenly at head appear'd
Satan, and thus was heard commanding loud:

"'Vanguard, to right and left the front unfold;
That all may see who hate us, how we seek
Peace and composure, and with open breast 5
Stand ready to receive them, if they like
Our overture, and turn not back perverse:
But that I doubt; however, witness heaven,
Heaven witness thou anon, while we discharge
Freely our part; ye who appointed stand,
Do as you have in charge, and briefly touch
That we propound, and loud that all may h

A triple mou
On wheels (for like to pha
Or hollow'd bodies made of oak o
With branches lopt, in wood or m
Brass, iron, stony mould, had not
With hideous orifice gap'd on us
Portending hollow truce: at eac
A seraph stood, and in his hand
Stood waving tipt with fire: w
Collected stood within our thou
Not long, for sudden all at onc
Put forth, and to a narrow ven
With nicest touch. Immediat
But soon obscur'd with smoke
From those deep-throated eng
Embowel'd with outrageous
And all her entrails tore; dis
Their devilish glut, chain'd t
Of iron globes; which on th
Levell'd, with such impetuo
That whom they hit, none
Though standing else as ro
By thousands, angel on ar
for their arms:

tain them fair with open front
st, (what could we more?) propounded terms
osition, straight they chang'd their minds,
and into strange vagaries fell, 614
would dance; yet for a dance they seem'd
it extravagant and wild, perhaps
f offer'd peace: but I suppose,
oposals once again were heard,
ld compel them to a quick result.'

om thus Belial in like gamesome mood: 620
the terms we sent were terms of weight,
ontents, and full of force urg'd home,
e might perceive amus'd them all,
bled many; who receives them right,
from head to foot well understand; 625
rstood, this gift they have besides,
w us when our foes walk not upright.'

ey among themselves in pleasant vein
ffing, heighten'd in their thoughts beyond
of victory; eternal might 630
with their inventions they presum'd
nd of his thunder made a scorn,
is host derided, while they stood
trouble: but they stood not long;
npted them at length, and found them arms
uch hellish mischief fit t' oppose. 636
(behold the excellence, the power,
d hath in his mighty angels plac'd)
s away they threw, and to the hills
hath this variety from heaven 640
e situate in hill and dale)
he lightning glimpse they ran, they flew:
foundations loos'ning to and fro
k'd the seated hills with all their load,
ters, woods, and by the shaggy tops 645
bore them in their hands. Amaze,
d terror seiz'd the rebel host,
ing towards them so dread they saw
n of the mountains upward turn'd;
e cursed engines triple-row 650
hem whelm'd, and all their confidence
eight of mountains buried deep;
invaded next, and on their heads

Out of such prison, though
Purest at first, now gross b
The rest, in imitation, to li
Betook them, and the neigl
So hills amid the air encou
Hurl'd to and fro with jact
That under ground they fo
Infernal noise; war seem'd
To this uproar; horrid con
Upon confusion rose. And
Had gone to wrack, with r
Had not th' almighty Fath
Shrin'd in his sanctuary of
Consulting on the sum of t
This tumult, and permitte
That his great purpose he
To honour his anointed So
Upon his enemies, and to c
All power on him transfer
Th' assessor of his throne,

"'Effulgence of my glo
Son, in whose face invisibl

ains as with weapons arm'd, which
akes
heaven, and dangerous to the main.
e therefore pass'd, the third is thine;
ve ordain'd it, and thus far 700
l, that the glory may be thine
s great war, since none but Thou
Into thee such virtue and grace
ave transfus'd, that all may know
d hell thy power above compare; 705
verse commotion govern'd thus,
thee worthiest to be Heir
to be Heir, and to be King
ction, thy deserv'd right.
Mightiest, in thy Father's might, 710
hariot, guide the rapid wheels
eaven's basis, bring forth all my war,
thunder, my almighty arms
sword upon thy puissant thigh;
sons of darkness, drive them out 715
ven's bounds into the utter deep:
m learn, as likes them, to despise
ssiah his anointed King.'

and on his Son with rays direct
e all his Father full express'd 720
his face receiv'd;
filial Godhead answ'ring spake:

r, O supreme of heav'nly thrones,
, holiest, best! thou always seek'st
y Son, I always Thee, 725
st; this I my glory account,
, and my whole delight,
me, well pleas'd, declar'st thy will
h to fulfil is all my bliss.
ower, thy giving, I assume, 730
shall resign, when in the end
all in all, and I in thee
in me all whom thou lov'st:
u hatest I hate, and can put on
s I put thy mildness on, 735
n all things; and shall soon,
might, rid heaven of these rebell'd.

"So said, he, o'er his scept
From the right hand of glory
And the third sacred morn b
Dawning through heaven:
wind round
The chariot of paternal Deit
Flashing thick flames, wheel
Itself instinct with spirit, but
By four cherubic shapes; fo
Had wondrous; as with star
And wings were set with ey
Of beryl, and careering fires
Over their heads a crystal fir
Whereon a sapphire throne i
Amber, and colours of the sh
He in celestial panoply all a
Of radiant Urim, work divin
Ascended; at his right hand
Sat eagle-wing'd; beside hi
And quiver with three-bolte
And from about him fierce e
Of smoke and bickering flam

n power divine his way prepar'd: 780
nmand th' uprooted hills retir'd
is place; they heard his voice and went
ıs; heaven his wonted face renew'd,
fresh flowerets hill and valley smil'd.
his hapless foes, but stood obdur'd, 785
bellious fight rallied their powers
hope conceiving from despair.
ly spirits could such perverseness dwell,
ıvince the proud what signs avail,
rs move, th' obdurate to relent? 790
den'd more by what might most reclaim,
to see his glory, at the sight
y; and, aspiring to his height,
ımbattled fierce, by force or fraud
to prosper and at length prevail 795
ıod and Messiah, or to fall
ıal ruin last; and now
attle drew, disdaining flight,
etreat; when the great Son of God
hest on either hand thus spake: 800

d still in bright array, ye saints! here
nd,
ı arm'd, this day from battle rest;
ıath been your warfare, and of God
fearless in his righteous cause;
ı have receiv'd, so have ye done 805
·; but of this cursed crew
ıhment to other hand belongs;
e is his, or whose he sole appoints
o this day's work is not ordain'd,
tude; stand only and behold 810
ignation on these godless pour'd
ıot you, but me, they have despis'd
d; against me is all their rage,
ne Father, to whom in heaven supreme
and power, and glory appertains, 815
our'd me according to his will.
to me their doom he hath assign'd;
may have their wish, to try with me
hich the stronger proves; they all,
ıgainst them, since by strength
ıre all, of other excellence

Of his fierce chariot roll'd, as w
Of torrent floods, or of a numer
He on his impious foes right on
Gloomy as night; under his bu
The steadfast empyrean shook
All but the throne itself of God
Among them he arriv'd, in his
Grasping ten thousand thunder
Before him, such as in their sou
Plagues; they, astonish'd, all r
All courage; down their idle w
O'er shields, and helms, and hel
Of thrones, and mighty seraphi
That wish'd the mountains now
Thrown on them as a shelter fr
Nor less on either side tempest
His arrows, from the fourfold-v
Distinct with eyes, and from th
Distinct alike with multitude of
One spirit in them rul'd, and ev
Glar'd lightning, and shot forth
Among th' accurs'd, that withe
And of their wonted vigour left

om the verge of heaven; eternal wrath 865
fter them to the bottomless pit.

heard th' unsufferable noise, hell saw
ruining from heaven, and would have fled
:d; but strict Fate had cast too deep
t foundations, and too fast had bound. 870
/s they fell; confounded Chaos roar'd,
tenfold confusion in their fall
his wild anarchy, so huge a rout
:r'd him with ruin: hell at last
; receiv'd them whole, and on them clos'd:
ir fit habitation, fraught with fire 876
hable, the house of woe and pain.
n'd heaven rejoic'd, and soon repair'd
al breach, returning whence it roll'd.

victor, from th' expulsion of his foes, 880
his triumphal chariot turn'd:
him all his saints, who silent stood
iesses of his almighty acts,
ilee advanc'd; and as they went,
rith branching palm, each order bright, 885
mph, and him sung victorious King,
:, and Lord! to him dominion given,
t to reign: he celebrated rode
ant through mid heaven, into the courts
ole of his mighty Father thron'd 890
who into glory him receiv'd,
ow he sits at the right hand of bliss.

, measuring things in heaven by things on
rth,
quest, and that thou may'st beware
is past, to thee I have reveal'd 895
ght have else to human race been hid;
rd which befel, and war in heaven
ie angelic powers, and the deep fall
oo high aspiring, who rebell'd
an; he who envies now thy state, 900
is plotting how he may seduce
from obedience, that with him,
happiness, thou may'st partake
ment, eternal misery;

Yet fell. Rememb

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PARADISE LOST.

BOOK VII.

THE ARGUMENT.

el, at the request of Adam, relates how and refore this world was first created; that God, · the expelling of Satan and his angels out of ien, declared his pleasure to create another world, other creatures to dwell therein; sends his Son glory and attendance of angels to perform the k of creation in six days: the angels celebrate with ns the performance thereof, and his re-ascension heaven.

ND from heaven, Urania! by that name
tly thou art call'd, whose voice divine
ring, above th' Olympian hill I soar,
the flight of Pegasean wing.
eaning not the name, I call: for thou
'the Muses nine, nor on the top
Olympus dwell'st; but, heavenly born,
the hills appear'd, or fountain flow'd,
with eternal Wisdom didst converse,
m thy sister, and with her didst play 10
sence of th' almighty Father, pleas'd
hy celestial song. Up led by thee
e heaven of heavens I have presum'd,
thly guest, and drawn empyreal air,
mp'ring; with like safety guided down 15
me to my native element:
m this flying steed unrein'd, (as once
bon, though from a lower clime,)
ted, on th' Aleian field I fall,
e there to wander, and forlorn.

Visit's my slumbers nightly,
Purples the east. Still gover
Urania! and fit audience find
But drive far off the barbarou
Of Bacchus and his revellers,
Of that wild rout that tore the
In Rhodope, where woods an
To rapture, till the savage cla
Both harp and voice; nor cou
Her son. So fall not thou, w
For thou art heavenly, she an

Say, goddess, what ensued
The affable archangel, had for
Adam by dire example to bew
Apostacy, by what befell in he
To those apostates, lest the lik
In Paradise to Adam or his ra
Charg'd not to touch the inter
If they transgress, and slight t
So easily obey'd, amid the cho
Of all tastes else to please thei
Though wand'ring. He with

his Eden, or without was done 65
memory; as one whose drought,
allay'd, still quaffs the current stream,
uid murmur heard new thirst excites,
thus to ask his heavenly guest:

things, and full of wonder in our ears, 70
ng from this world, thou hast reveal'd,
erpreter, by favour sent
n the empyrean to forewarn
of what might else have been our loss, 74
which human knowledge could not reach:
to th' infinitely Good we owe
thanks, and his admonishment
rith solemn purpose to observe
r his sov'reign will, the end
e are. But since thou hast vouchsafed 80
our instruction to impart
ove earthly thought, which yet concern'd
ing, as to highest wisdom seem'd,
escend now lower, and relate
no less perhaps avail us known; 85
began this heaven, which we behold
high, with moving fires adorn'd
le, and this which yields or fills
the ambient air wide interfus'd
round this florid earth; what cause 90
Creator, in his holy rest
ll eternity, so late to build
and, the work begun, how soon
f unforbid thou may'st unfold
not to explore the secrets, ask 95
nal empire, but the more
y his works the more we know.
eat light of day yet wants to run
s race tho' steep; suspense in heaven,
y voice, thy potent voice, he hears, 100
will delay to hear thee tell
tion, and the rising birth
from the unapparent deep:
ir *of evening* and the moon
audience, night with her will bring 10
sleep, list'ning to thee, will watch;
d *his* absence, till thy song
thee ere the morning shine."

Yet what thou can [illegible]
To glorify the Maker, and infer
Thee also happier, shall not be wi[illegible]
Thy hearing; such commission from ab
I have receiv'd, to answer thy desire
Of knowledge within bounds; beyond a
To ask, nor let thine own inventions ho
Things not reveal'd, which th' invisible
Only omniscient, hath suppress'd in nig
To none communicable in earth or heav
Enough is left besides to search and kno
But knowledge is as food, and needs no
Her temp'rance over appetite, to kn[illegible]
In measure what the mind may we[illegible]
Oppresses else with surfeit, and so[illegible]
Wisdom to folly, as nourishment to [illegible]

"Know then, that after Lucifer from
(So call him, brighter once amidst the l
Of angels than that star the stars amor
Fell with his flaming legions through th
Into his place, and the great Son return
Victorious with his saints, th' omnipot
Eternal Father from his throne beheld
Their multitude, and to his Son thus s

[illegible] anxious fea hath fall'

But lest his heart exalt him in the harm
Already done, to have dispeopled heaven,
My damage fondly deem'd, I can repair
That detriment, if such it be to lose
Self-lost, and in a moment will create
Another world, out of one man a race
Of men innumerable, there to dwell,
Not here, till by degrees of merit rais'd
They open to themselves at length the way
Up hither, under long obedience tried,
And earth be chang'd to heaven, and h
earth,
One kingdom, joy and union without end.
Meanwhile inhabit lax, ye powers of heave
And thou my Word, begotten Son, by thee
This I perform; speak thou, and be it don
My overshadowing Spirit and might with

And virtues, winged spirits, an
From th' armoury of God, whe
Myriads between two brazen m
Against a solemn day, harness'
Celestial equipage! and now ca
Spontaneous, for within them s
Attendant on their Lord: heav
Her ever-during gates, harmoni
On golden hinges moving, to let
The King of glory, in his powe
And Spirit coming to create ne
On heavenly ground they stood
They view'd the vast immeasu
Outrageous as a sea, dark, was
Up from the bottom turn'd by f
And surging waves, as mounta
Heaven's height, and with the

"'Silence, ye troubled wa
peace!'
Said then th' omnific Word, 'y
Nor staid, but, on the wings of
Uplifted, in paternal glory rode
Far into Chaos, and the world

over'd th' abyss; but on the wat'ry calm
is brooding wings the Spirit of God outspread, 235
nd vital virtue infus'd, and vital warmth
hroughout the fluid mass; but downward purg'd
he black, tartareous, cold, infernal dregs,
dverse to life; then founded, then conglob'd
ike things to like, the rest to several place 240
isparted, and between spun out the air:
nd earth self-balanc'd on her centre hung.

"'Let there be light!' said God, and forthwith
light
thereal, first of things, quintessence pure,
prung from the deep, and from her native east 245
o journey through the airy gloom began,
pher'd in a radiant cloud, for yet the sun
Was not; she in a cloudy tabernacle
ojourn'd the while. God saw the light was good;
nd light from darkness by the hemisphere 250
ivided: light the day, and darkness night
e nam'd. Thus was the first day even and morn.
er pass'd uncelebrated, nor unsung
y the celestial choirs, when orient light
xhaling first from darkness they beheld; 255
irth-day of heaven and earth! with joy and shout
he hollow universal orb they fill'd,
nd touch'd their golden harps, and hymning prais'd
od and his works, Creator him they sung,
oth when first evening was, and when first morn.

"Again, God said, 'Let there be firmament 261
mid the waters, and let it divide
he waters from the waters!' And God made
he firmament, expanse of liquid, pure,
ransparent, elemental air, diffus'd 265
circuit to the uttermost convex
f this great round; partition firm and sure,
he waters underneath from those above
ividing; for as earth, so he the world
uilt on circumfluous waters calm, in wide 270
rystalline ocean, and the loud misrule
f Chaos far remov'd, lest fierce extremes
ontiguous might distemper the whole frame.
nd heaven he nam'd the firmament: so even
d morning chorus sung the second day.

'Be gather'd now ye [illegible]
Into one place, and let dry land appe
Immediately the mountains huge app
Emergent, and their broad bare back
Into the clouds, their tops ascend the
So high as heav'd the tumid hills, so l
Down sunk a hollow bottom broad a
Capacious bed of waters: thither the
Hasted with glad precipitance, uprol
As drops on dust conglobing from th
Part rise in crystal wall, or ridge dir
For haste; such flight the great com
On the swift floods. As armies at t
Of trumpet (for of armies thou hast
Troop to their standard, so the wat'
Wave rolling after wave, where way
If steep, with torrent rapture; if thr
Soft-ebbing; nor withstood them ro
But they, or under ground, or circui
With serpent-error wand'ring, found
And on the washy ooze deep chann
Easy, ere God had bid the ground b
All but within those banks, where r
Stream, and perpetual draw their h
The dry land, earth, and the great
Of congregated waters, he call'd sea
[illegible] and said

ie smelling gourd, up stood the corny reed 321
ıbattled in her field, and th' humble shrub,
ıd bush with frizzled hair implicit: last
se as in dance the stately trees, and spread
ıeir branches hung with copious fruit, or gemm'd
ıeir blossoms; with high woods the hills were
crown'd, 326
ith tufts the valleys, and each fountain side,
ith borders long the rivers; that earth now
ım'd like to heaven, a seat where gods might
dwell,
wander with delight, and love to haunt 330
r sacred shades: though God had yet not rain'd
on the earth, and man to till the ground
me was; but from the earth a dewy mist
ent up, and water'd all the ground, and each 334
ınt of the field, which ere it was in the th' earth
d made, and every herb, before it grew
the green stem. God saw that it was good:
even and morn recorded the third day.

' Again the Almighty spake: 'Let there be lights
gh in th' expanse of heaven, to divide 340
e day from night; and let them be for signs,
r seasons, and for days, and circling years;
d let them be for lights, as I ordain
eir office in the firmament of heaven,
give light on the earth!' and it was so. 345
d God made two great lights, great for their use
man, the greater to have rule by day,
e less by night altern; and made the stars,
d set them in the firmament of heaven
illuminate the earth, and rule the day 350
their vicissitude, and rule the night,
d light from darkness to divide. God saw,
veying his great work, that it was good:
of celestial bodies first the sun,
nighty sphere! he fram'd; unlightsome first, 355
ough of ethereal mould; then form'd the moon
bose, and every magnitude of stars,
d sow'd with stars the heaven thick as a field.
light by far the greater part he took,
nsplanted from her cloudy shrine, and plac'd 360
he sun's orb, made porous to receive
drink the liquid light, firm to retain

So far refined, ...
First in his east the glorious le
Regent of day, and all th' hori
Invested with bright rays, joc
His longitude through heaven
Dawn and the Pleiades before
Shedding sweet influence. Le
But opposite in levell'd west
His mirror, with full face bor
From him, for other light she
In that aspect, and still that
Till night, then in the east he
Revolv'd on heaven's great a
With thousand lesser lights
With thousand thousand sta
Spangling the hemisphere.
With her bright luminaries
Glad evening and glad morn

"And God said, 'Let the
Reptile with spawn abunda
And let fowl fly above the e
Display'd on the open firma
And God created the great
Soul living, each that crept,
The waters generated by t
And every bird of wing aft
And saw that it was good,

ıeir pearly shells at ease, attend
ıtriment, or under rocks their food
d armour watch: on smooth the seal,
ıded dolphins, play; part huge of bulk 410
ing unwieldy, enormous in their gait,
t there ocean. There the leviathan,
of living creatures, on the deep,
l like a promontory, sleeps or swims,
ms a moving land, and at his gills 415
n, and at his trunk spouts out, a sea.
ıile the tepid caves, and fens, and shores,
ood as numerous hatch, from th' egg that soon
; with kindly rupture, forth disclos'd 419
llow young, but feather'd soon and fledge,
mm'd their pens, and soaring th' air sublime,
ıng despis'd the ground, under a cloud
ect; there the eagle and the stork
and cedar tops their eyries build:
ıely wing the region, part more wise 425
ıon, rang'd in figure, wedge their way,
nt of seasons, and set forth
ry caravan, high over seas
and over lands with mutual wing
heir flight: so steers the prudent crane 430
ıual voyage, borne on winds; the air
ıs they pass, fann'd with unnumber'd plumes,
anch to branch the smaller birds with song
he woods, and spread their painted wings
ı; nor then the solemn nightingale 435
varbling, but all night tun'd her soft lays:
n silver lakes and rivers bath'd
ɔwny breast; the swan, with arched neck
her white wings mantling proudly, rows
e with oary feet; yet oft they quit 440
k, and, rising on stiff pennons, tower
l aerial sky. Others on ground
firm; the crested cock, whose clarion sounds
nt hours, and the other whose gay train
ıim, coloured with the florid hue 445
ɔws and starry eyes. The waters thus
h replenish'd, and the air with fowl,
and morn solemniz'd the fifth day.

sixth, and of creation last, arose
ning harps and matin; when God said, 45

Among the trees in pai
The cattle in the fields
Those rare and solitary
Pasturing at once, and i
The grassy clods now c
The tawny lion, pawing
His hinder parts, then s
And rampant shakes his
The libbard, and the tige
Rising, the crumbled ear
In hillocks; the swift st
Bore up his branching h
Behemoth, biggest born
His vastness; fleec'd the
As plants; ambiguous b
The river horse and scal
At once came forth what
Insect or worm: those w
For wings, and smallest l
In all the liveries deck'd o
With spots of gold and p
These as a line their long
Streaking the ground wit
Minims of nature; some

repeated; nor unknown
tlest beast of all the field, 495
ometimes, with brazen eyes
terrific, though to thee
obedient at thy call.

in all her glory shone, and roll'd
the great first Mover's hand 500
ir course; earth, in her rich attire,
ely smil'd; air, water, earth,
east, was flown, was swam, was

f the sixth day yet remain'd;
t the master work, the end 505
a creature who, not prone
er creatures, but endued
reason, might erect

Variety wh...
Which tasted works knowl
'Thou may'st not; in the d
Death is the penalty impos
And govern well thy appet
Surprise thee, and her bla

"Here finish'd he, and
View'd, and behold, all w
So even and morn accom
Yet not till the Creator f
Desisting, though unwea
Up to the heaven of heav
Thence to behold this ne
Th' addition of his empi
In prospect from his thr
Answering his great ide
Follow'd with acclamat
Symphonious of ten the
Angelic harmonies: th
Resounded, (thou reme
'The heavens, and all t
'The planets in their st
While the bright pom
(Open, ye everlasting

ghtly as a circling zone thou seest 580
with stars. And now on earth the seventh
arose in Eden, for the sun
and twilight from the east came on,
ing night; when at the holy mount
r's high seated top, th' imperial throne 585
ad, fix'd for ever firm and sure,
l Power arriv'd, and sat him down
great Father, for he also went
yet stay'd, (such privilege
nipresence,) and the work ordain'd 590
nd end of all things, and from work
ing, bless'd and hallow'd the seventh day,
; on that day from all his work,
silence holy kept; the harp
and rested not, the solemn pipe, 595
mer, all organs of sweet stop,
s on fret by string or golden wire,
soft tunings intermix'd with voice
unison: of incense clouds
rom golden censers hid the mount. 600
and the six days acts they sung:
e thy works, Jehovah! infinite
er; what thought can measure thee, or tongue
ee? greater now in thy return
n the giant angels; thee that day 605
ders magnified; but to create
than, created, to destroy.
impair, thee, mighty King, or bound
ire? easily the proud attempt
apostate and their counsels vain 610
t repell'd, while impiously they thought
liminish, and from thee withdraw
ber of thy worshippers. Who seeks
thee, against his purpose serves
est the more thy might: his evil 615
st, and from thence creat'st more good.
his new-made world, another heaven
ven-gate not far, founded in view
ar hyaline, the glassy sea;
ade almost immense, with stars 620
, and every star perhaps a world
habitation; but thou know'st
ns: among these the seat of men,
ier nether ocean circumfus'd,

Their happiness, and persevere up-

"So sung they, and the empyrean
With hallelujahs: thus was Sabbath
And thy request think now fulfill'd, t
How first this world and face of thing
And what before thy memory was d
From the beginning, that posterity
Inform'd by thee might know; if els
Ought, not surpassing human measu

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PARADISE LOST.

BOOK VIII.

THE ARGUMENT.

quires concerning celestial motions; is doubt-
swered, and exhorted to search rather things

Useless besides; reas
How Nature, wise an
Such disproportions, v
So many nobler bodie
Greater so manifold, t
For ought appears, an
Such restless revolutio
Repeated, while the se
That better might wit
Serv'd by more noble t
Her end without least r
As tribute, such a suml
Of incorporeal speed, h
Speed, to describe who

So spake our sire, an
Ent'ring on studious th
Perceiving, where she s
With lowliness majesti
And grace that won wh
Rose, and went forth a
To visit how they pros
Her nursery; they at h
And, touch'd by her fai
Yet went she not, as no

ves to wish her still in sight.
hael now, to Adam's doubt propos'd,
it and facile thus replied: 65

k or search I blame thee not, for heaven
book of God before thee set,
to read his wondrous works, and learn
ns, hours, or days, or months, or years;
tain, whether heaven move or earth, 70
ot if thou reckon right; the rest
or angel the great Architect
y to conceal, and not divulge
s to be scann'd by them who ought
mire; or if they list to try 75
e, he his fabric of the heavens
to their disputes, perhaps to move
ter at their quaint opinions wide
when they come to model heaven
late the stars, how they will wield 80
ty frame, how build, unbuild, contrive
ppearances, how gird the sphere
ric and eccentric scribbled o'er,
epicycle, orb in orb;
y thy reasoning this I guess 85
o lead thy offspring, and supposest
es bright and greater should not serve
ot bright, nor heaven such journies run,
ng still, when she alone receives
it. Consider first, that great 90
infers not excellence: the earth
n comparison of heaven, so small,
ing, may of solid good contain
ty than the sun that barren shines,
tue on itself works no effect, 95
fruitful earth; there, first receiv'd,
, unactive else, their vigour find.
earth are those bright luminaries
out to thee, earth's habitant.
e heaven's wide circuit, let it speak 100
r's high magnificence, who built
s, and his line stretch'd out so far;
may know he dwells not in his own;
too large for him to fill,
a *small* partition, and the rest 105
r uses to his Lord best know

Admitting motion in the heavens, to
Invalid that which thee to doubt it n
Not that I so affirm, though so it see
To thee who hast thy dwelling here
God, to remove his ways from huma
Plac'd heaven from earth so far, tha
If it presume, might err in things too
And no advantage gain. What if t
Be centre to the world, and other sta
By his attractive virtue and their ov
Incited, dance about him various rou
Their wand'ring course now high, n
Progressive, retrograde, or standing
In six thou seest; and what if sever
The planet earth, so steadfast thoug
Insensibly three different motions m
Which else to several spheres thou
Mov'd contrary with thwart obliqu
Or save the sun his labour, and tha
Nocturnal and diurnal rhomb suppo
Invisible else above all stars, the wh
Of day and night; which needs no
If earth, industrious of herself, fetch
Travelling east, and with her part
From the sun's beam meet night, h
Still luminous by his ray. What i

orb perhaps with some that live:
room in Nature unpossess'd
, desert and desolate,
yet scarce to contribute 155
mpse of light convey'd so far
ıabitable, which returns
them, is obvious to dispute.
ıus these things, or whether not;
ıun predominant in heaven 160
rth, or earth rise on the sun;
ast his flaming road begin,
.e west her silent course advance,
ve pace that spinning sleeps
le, while she paces even, 165
e soft with the smooth air along
thoughts with matters hid,
God above, him serve and fear;
ıres, as him pleases best,
ɔ'd, let him dispose: joy thou 170
ɾes to thee, this Paradise
Eve; heaven is for thee too high
t passes there; be lowly wise:
hat concerns thee and thy being;
ɔther worlds, what creatures there 175
state, condition, or degree,
t thus far hath been reveal'd,
nly, but of highest heaven."

ıus Adam, clear'd of doubt, replied:
ast thou satisfied me, pure 180
heaven, angel serene!
m intricacies, taught to live,
ay, nor with perplexing thoughts
he sweet of life, from which
dwell far off all anxious cares, 185
ɜst us, unless we ourselves
h wand'ring thoughts, and notions vain.
ind or fancy is to rove
ıd of her roving is no end;
r by experience taught, she learn, 190
now at large of things remote,
ure and subtle, but to know
ɜfore us lies in daily life,
isdom; what is more, is fuma
ır fond impertinence,

Thee I have heard relating wnat
Ere my remembrance; now hear
My story, which perhaps thou ha
And day is yet not spent; till the
How subtly to detain thee I devis
Inviting thee to hear while I relat
Fond, where it not in hope of thy
For while I sit with thee I seem i
And sweeter thy discourse is to n
Than fruits of palm-tree, pleasan
And hunger both, from labour, at
Of sweet repast; they satiate, a
Though pleasant; but thy words
Imbued, bring to their sweetness

To whom thus Raphael answ
"Nor are thy lips ungraceful, si
Nor tongue ineloquent; for God
Abundantly his gifts hath also p
Inward and outward both, is im
Speaking or mute, all comelines
Attends thee, and each word ca
Nor less think we in heaven of
Than of our fellow-servant, and
Gladly into the ways of God w
Nor God we see hath honour'd

ur prompt obedience. Fast we found, fast shut
he dismal gates, and barricado'd strong; 241
ut, long ere our approaching, heard within
oise, other than the sound of dance or song,
orment, and loud lament, and furious rage.
lad we return'd up to the coasts of light 245
re sabbath evening: so we had in charge.
it thy relation now; for I attend,
eas'd with thy words, no less than thou with mine."

So spake the godlike power, and thus our sire
For man to tell how human life began 250
hard; for who himself beginning knew?
esire with thee still longer to converse
duc'd me. As new wak'd from soundest sleep,
oft on the flowery herb I found me laid
balmy sweat, which with his beams the sun 255
on dried, and on the reeking moisture fed.
raight toward heaven my wond'ring eyes I turn'd,
nd gaz'd awhile the ample sky; till rais'd
quick instinctive motion up I sprung,
s thitherward endeavouring, and upright 260
ood on my feet; about me round I saw
ill, dale, and shady woods, and sunny plains,
nd liquid lapse of murm'ring streams; by these,
eatures that liv'd and mov'd, and walk'd, or flew;
rds on the branches warbling; all things smil'd;
ith fragrance, and with joy my heart o'erflow'd.
yself I then perus'd, and limb by limb 267
urvey'd, and sometimes went, and sometimes ran
ith supple joints, as lively vigour led:
it who I was, or where, or from what cause, 270
new not: to speak I tried, and forthwith spake:
y tongue obey'd, and readily could name
hate'er I saw. 'Thou sun,' said I, 'fair light,
nd thou enlighten'd earth, so fresh and gay,
e hills, and dales, ye rivers, woods, and plains, 275
nd ye that live and move, fair creatures, tell,
ell, if ye saw, how came I thus, how here?
ot of myself; by some great Maker then,
goodness and in power pre-eminent;
ell me how may I know him, how adore, 28
om whom I have that thus I move, and live
nd feel that I am happier than I know.'
hile thus I call'd, and stray'd I knew not whi

Insensible, and [illegible]
When suddenly stood at my head a c
Whose inward apparition gently mov
My fancy to believe I yet had being,
And liv'd. One came, methought, of
And said, 'Thy mansion wants thee,
First man, of men innumerable ordain
First father! call'd by thee I come th
To the garden of bliss, thy seat prepa
So saying, by the hand he took me re
And over fields and waters, as in air
Smooth sliding without step, last led
A woody mountain; whose high top
A circuit wide enclos'd; with goodli
Planted, with walks and bowers, tha
Of earth before scarce pleasant seem'
Loaden with fairest fruit, that hung
Tempting, stirr'd in me sudden appe
To pluck and eat; whereat I wak'd,
Before mine eyes all real, as the dres
Had lively shadow'd. Here had ne
My wand'ring, had not he, who was
Up hither, from among the trees app
Presence divine. Rejoicing, but wi
In adoration at his feet I fell
Submiss: he rear'd me, and, 'Who

And shun the bitter consequence: for know,
The day thou eatest thereof, my sole comman
Transgress'd, inevitably thou shalt die,
From that day mortal, and this happy state
Shalt lose, expell'd from hence into a world
Of wo and sorrow.' Sternly he pronounc'd
The rigid interdiction, which resounds
Yet dreadful in mine ear, though in my choice
Not to incur; but soon his clear aspect
Return'd, and gracious purpose thus renew'd:
'Not only these fair bounds, but all the earth
To thee and to thy race I give; as lords
Possess it, and all things that therein live,
Or live in sea, or air, beast, fish, and fowl.
In sign whereof each bird and beast behold
After their kinds; I bring them to receive
From thee their names, and pay thee fealty
With low subjection; understand the same 34
Of fish within their wat'ry residence,
Not hither summon'd, since they cannot change
Their element, to draw the thinner air.'
So thus he spake, each bird and beast behold
Approaching two and two, these cow'ring low 350
With blandishment, each bird stoop'd on his wing.
I nam'd them, as they pass'd, and understood
Their nature, with such knowledge God endued
Sudden apprehension; but in these
I found not what methought I wanted still; 355
And to the heavenly vision thus presum'd:

O by what name, for thou above all these,
Above mankind, or ought than mankind higher,
Surpassest far my naming, how may I
Adore thee, Author of this universe, 360
And all this good to man? for whose well-being
So amply, and with hands so liberal,
Thou hast provided all things: but with me
I see not who partakes. In solitude
What happiness, who can enjoy alone, 365
Or all enjoying, what contentment find?'
Thus presumptuous; and the vision bright,
As with a smile more brighten'd, thus replied:

'What call'st thou solitude? is not the earth

And humble deprecation, ——

" 'Let not my words offend thee, l
My Maker, be propitious while I sp
Hast thou not made me here thy sub
And these inferior far beneath me se
Among unequals what society
Can sort, what harmony or true deli
Which must be mutual, in proportio
Given and receiv'd; but in disparity
The one intense, the other still remi
Cannot well suit with either, but soc
Tedious alike: of fellowship I speal
Such as I seek, fit to participate
All rational delight, wherein the bru
Cannot be human consort; they rej
Each with their kind, lion with lion
So fitly them in pairs thou hast com
Much less can bird with beast, or fi
So well converse, nor with the ox th
Worse then can man with beast, ar

" Whereto th' Almighty answer'
'A nice and subtle happiness I see
Thou to thyself proposest, in the cl
Of thy associates, Adam, and wilt
No pleasure, though in pleasure, sc

All human thoughts come short, Supreme of thin
Thou in thyself art perfect, and in thee
Is no deficience found; not so is man,
But in degree, the cause of his desire,
By conversation with his like, to help
Or solace his defects. No need that thou
Shouldst propagate, already infinite,
And through all numbers absolute, though one;
But man by number is to manifest
His simple imperfection, and beget
Like of his like, his image multiplied,
In unity defective, which requires
Collateral love, and dearest amity.
Thou in thy secrecy, although alone,
Best with thyself accompanied, seek'st not
Social communication, yet, so pleas'd,
Canst raise thy creatures to what height thou wilt
Of union or communion, deified;
I by conversing cannot these erect
From prone, nor in their ways complacence find.'
Thus I embolden'd spake, and freedom us'd
Permissive, and acceptance found, which gain'd
This answer from the gracious voice divine:

"'Thus far to try thee, Adam, I was pleas'd,
And find thee knowing, not of beasts alone,
Which thou hast rightly nam'd, but of thyself,
Expressing well the spirit within thee free,
My image, not imparted to the brute,
Whose fellowship therefore unmeet for thee
Good reason was thou freely shouldst dislike,
And be so minded still; I, ere thou spak'st,
Knew it not good for man to be alone,
And no such company as then thou saw'st
Intended thee, for trial only brought,
To see how thou couldst judge of fit and meet.
What next I bring shall please thee, be assur'd,
Thy likeness, thy fit help, thy other self,
Thy wish exactly to thy heart's desire.'

"He ended, or I heard no more, for now
My earthly by his heavenly overpower'd
Which it had long stood under, strain'd to the hei
In that celestial colloquy sublime,
As with an object that excels the sense,

From thence a rib, with cordial spiri
And life-blood streaming fresh ; wide
But suddenly with flesh fill'd up and
The rib he form'd and fashion'd with
Under his forming hands a creature
Manlike, but different sex, so lovely
That what seem'd fair in all the wo
Mean, or in her summ'd up, in her c
And in her looks, which from that t
Sweetness into my heart, unfelt befo
And into all things from her air insp
The spirit of love and amorous delig
She disappear'd, and left me dark ;
To find her, or for ever to deplore
Her loss, and other pleasures all abj
When out of hope, behold her, not i
Such as I saw her in my dream, ado
With what all earth or heaven coul
To make her amiable. On she can
Led by her heavenly Maker, thougl
And guided by his voice, nor uninf
Of nuptial sanctity and marriage ri
Grace was in all her steps, heaven i
In every gesture dignity and love !
I, overjoy'd, could not forbear aloud

:heard me thus, and though divinely brought,
ıocence and virgin modesty, 501
tue and the conscience of her worth,
ould be woo'd, and not unsought be won
/ious, not obtrusive, but retir'd
ıre desirable, or to say all, 505
herself, though pure of sinful thought,
ıt in her so, that seeing me, she turn'd:
'd her; she what was honour knew,
th obsequious majesty approv'd
ıded reason. To the nuptial bower 510
r, blushing like the morn: all heaven,
ppy constellations, on that hour
eir selectest influence; the earth
gn of gratulation, and each hill;
the birds; fresh gales and gentle airs 515
ır'd it to the woods, and from their wings
ose, flung odours from the spicy shrub,
ing till the amorous bird of night
ıousal, and bid haste the evening star
ıill top, to light the bridal lamp. 520

ıs have I told thee all my state, and brought
y to the sum of earthly bliss
I enjoy, and must confess to find
ıings else delight indeed, but such
l or not, works in the mind no change, 525
ıement desire, these delicacies
of taste, sight, smell, herbs, fruits, and flowers,
and the melody of birds; but here
erwise! transported I behold,
ırted touch; here passion first I felt, 530
tion strange! in all enjoyments else
r and unmov'd; here only weak
the charm of beauty's powerful glance.
re fail'd in me, and left some part
of enough such object to sustain, 535
ı my side subducting, took perhaps
ıan enough; at least on her bestow'd
ch of ornament, in outward show
e, of inward less exact.
I understand in the prime end 540
her th' inferior, in the mind
ırd faculties, which most excel,

Seems wisest, virtuous,
All higher knowledge in h
Degraded, wisdom in disc
Loses discount'nanc'd, and
Authority and reason on h
As one intended first, not s
Occasionally; and, to con
Greatness of mind and nol
Build in her loveliest, and
About her, as a guard ang

To whom the angel wit
"Accuse not nature, she h
Do thou but thine, and be
Of wisdom; she deserts th
Dismiss not her, when mo
By attributing overmuch
Less excellent, as thou th
For what admir'st thou, v
An outside? fair no doub
Thy cherishing, thy hono
Not thy subjection: weig
Then value. Oft-times n
Than self-esteem, ground
Well manag'd; of that s
The more she will ackno

n, rational, love still;
st well, in passion not,
e consists not; love refines
d heart enlarges, hath his seat 590
judicious, is the scale
enly love thou may'st ascend;
al pleasure, for which cause
s no mate for thee was found.'

half-abash'd, Adam replied: 595
side form'd so fair, nor ought
mmon to all kinds,
of the genial bed by far
ious reverence I deem,)
me, as those graceful acts, 600
lecencies that daily flow
ds and actions, mix'd with love
iance, which declare unfeign'd
in us both one soul;
ld in wedded pair 605
n harmonious sound to th' ear.
not; I to thee disclose
nce I feel, not therefore foil'd,
arious objects, from the sense
nting; yet still free, 610
, and follow what I approve.
n'st me not, for love thou say'st
en, is both the way and guide;
n, if lawful what I ask;
renly spirits, and how their love
looks only, or do they mix 616
l or immediate touch?"

ngel, with a smile that glow'd
, love's proper hue,
it suffice thee that thou know'st
ithout love no happiness. 621
nou in the body enjoy'st
vert created) we enjoy
obstacle find none
nt or limb, exclusive bars; 625
ith air, if spirits embrace,
nion of pure with pure
train'd conveyance need,
ith flesh, or soul with soul.

Would not admit
The weal or wo in thee is plac'd; be
I in thy persevering shall rejoice,
And all the bless'd: stand fast; to st
Free in thine own arbitrament it lies.
Perfect within no outward aid require
And all temptation to transgress repe

So saying, he arose; whom Adam
Follow'd with benediction: "Since t
Go, heavenly guest, ethereal messen
Sent from whose sov'reign goodness
Gentle to me and affable hath been
Thy condescension, and shall be hon
With grateful memory: thou to man
Be good and friendly still, and oft ret

So parted they; the angel up to h
From the thick shade, and Adam to

END OF BOOK EIGHT

PARADISE LOST.

BOOK IX.

THE ARGUMENT.

having compassed the earth, with meditated guile ns as a mist by night into Paradise, and enters the serpent sleeping. Adam and Eve in the ning go forth to their labours, which Eve proposes ivide in several places, each labouring apart. n consents not, alleging the danger, lest that ny, of whom they were forewarned, should attempt found alone. Eve, loth to be thought not circum- or firm enough, urges her going apart, the rather ous to make trial of her strength: Adam at last ls. The serpent finds her alone; his subtle oach, first gazing, then speaking, with much ery extolling Eve above all other creatures. Eve, dering to hear the serpent speak, asks how he ned to human speech and such understanding not now; the Serpent answers, that by tasting of a in tree in the garden he attained both to speech reason, till then void of both. Eve requires him ring her to that tree, and finds it to be the tree of oledge forbidden. The Serpent, now grown er, with many wiles and arguments induces her ngth to eat: she, pleased with the taste, deliberates ile whether to impart thereof to Adam or not; at brings him of the fruit, relates what persuaded to eat thereof. Adam, at first amazed, but per- ing her lost, resolves, through vehemence of love, erish with her; and, extenuating the trespass, also of the fruit. The effects thereof in them ; they seek to cover their nakedness; then fall to nce and accusation of one another.

And disobedience; on the part of h
Now alienated, distance and distas
Anger and just rebuke, and judgm
That brought into this world a wo
Sin, and her shadow Death, and M
Death's harbinger. Sad task! yet
Not less, but more heroic than the
Of stern Achilles on his foe pursu'd,
Thrice fugitive, about Troy wall; o
Of Turnus for Lavinia disespous'd:
Or Neptune's ire, or Juno's that so
Perplex'd the Greek and Cytherea's
If answerable style I can obtain
Of my celestial patroness, who deig
Her nightly visitation unimplor'd,
And dictates to me slumb'ring, or in
Easy my unpremeditated verse:
Since first this subject for heroic son
Pleas'd me, long choosing, and begin
Not sedulous by nature to indite
Wars, hitherto the only argument
Heroic deem'd, chief mast'ry to disse
With long and tedious havoc fabled

d much they may, if all be mine,
brings it nightly to my ear.

ıs sunk, and after him the star
whose office is to bring
ı the earth, short arbiter 50
ıd night; and now from end to end
phere had veil'd th' horizon round:
who late fled before the threats
t of Eden, now improv'd
raud and malice, bent 55
ruction, maugre what might hap
himself, fearless return'd.
ıd, and at midnight return'd
ing the earth, cautious of day,
gent of the sun, descried 60
and forewarn'd the cherubim
r watch; thence, full of anguish driven,
even continued nights he rode
s, thrice the equinoctial line
ır times cross'd the car of night 65
pole, traversing each colure;
return'd, and on the coast, averse
: or cherubic watch, by stealth
ected way. There was a place,
ugh sin, not time, first wrought the
70
at the foot of Paradise
t under ground, till part
ntain by the tree of life:
ver sunk, and with it rose
l in rising mist, then sought 75
ıid; sea he had search'd, and land
er Pontus, and the pool
yond the river Ob;
far antarctic; and in length
ontes to the ocean barr'd 80
ence to the land where flows
ıdus. Thus the orb he roam'd
search, and with inspection deep
ry creature which of all
ıe might serve his wiles, and found
ıbtlest beast of all the field.
; debate, irresolute

Thus he resolv'd; a
His bursting passion

"O earth, how lik
More justly, seat wo
With second though
For what God after
Terrestrial heaven, c
That shine, yet bear
Light above light, fo
In thee concentring a
Of sacred influence!
Is centre, yet extend
Centring receiv'st fro
Not in themselves, a
Productive in herb, p
Of creatures animate
Of growth, sense, rea
With what delight co
If I could joy in ough
Of hill, and valley, ri
Now land, now sea,
Rocks, dens, and cav
Find place or refuge
Pleasures about me

ow, as to him link'd in weal or wo;
'o then; that destruction wide may range.
ne shall be the glory sole among
infernal powers, in one day to have marr'd
t he, Almighty styl'd, six nights and days
nued making, and who knows how long
had been contriving? though perhaps
nger than since I in one night freed
ervitude inglorious well nigh half
gelic name, and thinner left the throng
adorers: he to be aveng'd,
repair his numbers thus impair'd,
r such virtue spent of old now fail'd
gels to create, if they at least
reated, or to spite us more,
d to advance into our room
e form'd of earth, and him endow,
rom so base original,
venly spoils, our spoils. What he decreed
d: man he made, and for him built
nt this world, and earth his seat,
pronounc'd, and, O indignity!
o his service angel wings,
g ministers, to watch and tend
ly charge. Of these the vigilance
l to elude, thus wrapp'd in mist
vapour glide obscure, and pry
h and brake, where hap may find
sleeping, in whose mazy folds
and the dark intent I bring.
t! that I, who erst contended
sit the highest, am now constrain'd
nd mix'd with bestial slime,
o incarnate and imbrute,
ight of Deity aspir'd;
not ambition and revenge
ho aspires, must down as low
d, obnoxious, first or last,
s. Revenge, at first though sweet,
back on itself recoils:
t, so it light well aim'd,
l short, on him who next
y, this new fav'rite
an of clay, son of despite,

In labyrinth of many
His head the midst, well stor'd w
Not yet in horrid shade or disma
Nor nocent yet, but on the grass
Fearless, unfear'd he slept: in a
The Devil enter'd, and his bruta
In heart, or head, possessing, so
With act intelligential; but his
Disturb'd not, waiting close th'

Now, when the sacred light b
In Eden on the humid flowers, t
Their morning incense, when a
From the earth's great altar ser
To the Creator, and his nostril
With grateful smell, forth cam
And join'd their vocal worship
Of creatures wanting voice; t
The season, prime for sweetes
Then commune how that day
Their growing work; for muc
The hands despatch of two ga
And Eve first to her husband

find what to redress till noon :
ıear each other thus all day 220
:hoose, what wonder if so near
ne, and smiles, or object new
rse draw on, which intermits
rk brought to little, though begun
hour of supper comes unearn'd :" 225

nild answer Adam thus return'd :
ssociate sole, to me beyond
ve all living creatures dear !
ı motion'd, well thy thoughts employ'd,
ıt well fulfil the work which here 230
gn'd us, nor of me shalt pass
r nothing lovelier can be found
ın to study household good,
:ks in her husband to promote.
ictly hath our Lord impos'd 235
debar us when we need
whether food, or talk between,
ind, or this sweet intercourse
smiles ; for smiles from reason flow,
ed, and are of love the food, 240
.owest end of human life.
some toil, but to delight,
.nd delight to reason join'd.
ıd bowers, doubt not but our joint hands
ın wilderness with ease, as wide 245
alk, till younger hands ere long
t if much converse perhaps
to short absence I could yield ;
ɔmetimes is best society,
rement urges sweet return. 250
ɔt possesses me, lest harm
'er'd from me ; for thou know'st
en warn'd us, what malicious foe,
ıappiness, and of his own
:eks to work us wo and shame 255
; and somewhere nigh at hand
loubt, with greedy hope to find,
best advantage, us asunder,
'cumvent us join'd, where each
ly aid might lend at need ; 260
rst design be to withdraw

Who guards her, or with her

To whom the virgin majes
As one who loves, and some
With sweet austere composu

"Offspring of heaven and e
That such an enemy we hav
Our ruin, both by thee infor
And from the parting angel
As in a shady nook I stood
Just then return'd at shut o
But that thou shouldst my f
To God or thee, because we
May tempt it, I expected no
His violence thou fear'st no
As we, not capable of deat
Can either not receive, or c
His fraud is then thy fear,
Thy equal fear, that my fi
Can by his fraud be shake
Thoughts! which how fo
Adam, misthought of her t

To whom with healing

ı me th' assault shall light. 305
ice and false guile contemn;
nust be, who could seduce
k superfluous others aid.
ıce of thy looks receive
'irtue, in thy sight 310
watchful, stronger, if need were
gth; while shame, thou looking on,
come or over-reach'd,
gour raise, and rais'd unite.
t thou like sense within thee feel
nt, and thy trial choose 316
tness of thy virtue tried?"

ıtic Adam in his care
love; but Eve, who thought
her faith sincere, 320
ith accent sweet renew'd:

condition, thus to dwell
straiten'd by a foe,
we not endued
efence, wherever met, 325
ıy, still in fear of harm?
ı not sin; only our foe
ı us with his foul esteem
his foul esteem
ır on our front, but turns 330
then wherefore shunn'd or fear'd
ır double honour gain
prov'd false, find peace within,
en, our witness from th' event.
, love, virtue, unassay'd? 335
terior help sustain'd?
spect our happy state
by the Maker wise,
ingle or combin'd.
ıess, if this be so, 340
ɔ Eden thus expos'd."

Adam fervently replied:
are all things as the will
ıem; his creating hand
or deficient left 345

She dictate false, and n
To do what God expres
Not then mistrust, but
That I should mind the
Firm we subsist, yet po
Since reason not imposs
Some specious object by
And fall into deception
Not keeping strictest w
Seek not temptation the
Were better, and most
Thou sever not: trial w
Wouldst thou approve
First thy obedience; th
Not seeing thee attempt
But if thou think trial u
Us both securer than th
Go; for thy stay, not fr
Go in thy native innocen
On what thou hast of vir
For God tow'rds thee ha

So spake the patriarch
Persisted, yet submiss, th

s'd, and goddess-like deport;
s she, with bow and quiver arm'd, 390
gard'ning tools as Art yet rude,
e, had form'd, or angels brought.
'omona, thus adorn'd,
m'd Pomona when she fled
r to Ceres in her prime, 395
Proserpina from Jove.
ardent look his eye pursu'd
desiring more her stay.
is charge of quick return
to him as oft engag'd 400
l by noon amid the bower,
in best order to invite
st, or afternoon's repose.
r'd, much failing, hapless Eve,
d return! event perverse! 405
om that hour in Paradise
r sweet repast, or sound repose;
hid among sweet flowers and shades
hellish rancour imminent
hy way, or send thee back 410
nocence, of faith, of bliss.
since first break of dawn, the fiend,
in appearance, forth was come,
est where likeliest he might find,
of mankind, but in them 415
luded race, his purpos'd prey.
field he sought, where any tuft
rden-plot more pleasant lay,
e or plantation for delight;
r by shady rivulet 420
m both, but wish'd his hap might find
he wish'd, but not with hope
ldom chanc'd, when to his wish,
pe, Eve separate he spies,
ud of fragrance, where she stood, 425
thick the roses bushing round
w'd; oft stooping to support
f slender stalk, whose head tho' gay
ple, azure, or speck'd with gold,
unsustain'd; them she upstays
rtle band, mindless the while
fairest unsupported flower,

Or that, not mystic, wh
Held dalliance with his
Much he the place admi
As one who long in popu
Where houses thick and
Forth issuing, on a sumn
Among the pleasant vill
Adjoin'd, from each thin
The smell of grain, or tec
Or dairy, each rural sigh
If chance with nymph-lik
What pleasing seem'd, fc
She most, and in her look
Such pleasure took the s
This flowery plat, the sw
Thus early, thus alone ;
Angelic, but more soft an
Her graceful innocence,
Of gesture, or least actio
His malice, and with rap
His fierceness of the fierc
That space the evil one a
From his own evil, and fo
Stupidly good, of enmity

, but all pleasure to destroy,
is in destroying; other joy
st. Then let me not let pass
hich now smiles; behold alone 480
n, opportune to all attempts,
d, (for I view far round,) not nigh,
her intellectual more I shun,
th, of courage haughty, and of limb
t, though of terrestrial mould, 485
ormidable, exempt from wound,
uch hath hell debas'd, and pain
ne, to what I was in heaven.
vinely fair, fit love for gods,
, though terror be in love 490
y, not approach'd by stronger hate,
ger, under show of love well feign'd,
hich to her ruin now I tend."

the enemy of mankind, enclos'd
inmate bad, and toward Eve 495
is way, not with indented wave,
e ground, as since; but on his rear,
se of rising folds, that tower'd,
fold, a surging maze, his head
ft, and carbuncle his eyes; 500
sh'd neck of verdant gold, erect
circling spires, that on the grass
undant: pleasing was his shape,
; never since of serpent kind
ot those that in Illyria chang'd. 505
and Cadmus, or the god
as; nor to which transform'd
Jove, or Capitoline was seen,
ympias, this with her who bore
height of Rome. With tract oblique 510
one who sought access, but fear'd
ot, side-long he works his way.
ship, by skilful steersman wrought,
s mouth or foreland, where the wind
s oft so steers, and shifts her sail: 515
e, and of his tortuous train
y a wanton wreath in sight of Eve,
eye; she busied heard the sound
eaves, but minded not, as us'd
ort before her through the field,

The eye of Eve to
Of her attention ga
Organic, or impuls
His fraudulent tem

" Wonder not, s
Thou canst, who ar
Thy looks, the hea
Displeas'd that I ap
Insatiate, I thus sin
Thy awful brow, m
Fairest resemblance
Thee all things livin
By gift, and thy cele
With ravishment be
Where universally a
In this enclosure wil
Beholders rude, and
Half what in thee is
Who sees thee? (an
seen
A goddess among go
By angels numberless

So gloz'd the tempt

ut not with human voice endued;
then this miracle, and say,
'st thou speakable of mute, and how
friendly grown above the rest
kind, that daily are in sight? 565
uch wonder claims attention due."

om the guileful tempter thus replied:
s of this fair world, resplendent Eve!
ne it is to tell thee all
ou command'st, and right thou shouldst be
ey'd: 570
first as other beasts that graze
len herb, of abject thoughts and low,
ny food; nor ought but food discern'd
nd apprehended nothing high;
day, roving the field, I chanc'd 575
tree far distant to behold,
vith fruit of fairest colours mix'd,
ıd gold: I nearer drew to gaze;
om the boughs a savoury odour blown,
to appetite, more pleas'd my sense 580
ell of sweetest fennel, or the teats
r goat drooping with milk at even,
l of lamb or kid, that tend their play.
y the sharp desire I had
g those fair apples, I resolv'd 585
fer; hunger and thirst at once,
persuaders, quicken'd at the scent
luring fruit, urg'd me so keen.
e mossy trunk I wound me soon,
from ground the branches would require 590
ost reach, or Adam's: round the tree
beasts that saw, with like desire
and envying stood, but could not reach.
tree now got, where plenty hung
g so nigh, to pluck and eat my fill 595
not, for such pleasure till that hour
r fountain never had I found.
length, ere long I might perceive
lteration in me, to degree
in my inward powers, and speech 600
ot long, though to this shape retain'd.
h to speculations high or deep
r thoughts, and with capacious mind

We [illegible]
And gaze, and worship thee,
Sov'reign of creatures, univer

So talk'd the spirited sly sn
Yet more amaz'd, unwary th
"Serpent, thy overpraising le
The virtue of that fruit, in th
But say, where grows the tre
For many are the trees of Go
In Paradise, and various, ye
To us; in such abundance l
As leaves a greater store of
Still hanging incorruptible,
Grow up to their provision,
Help to disburden Nature o

To whom the wily adder
"Empress, the way is read
Beyond a row of myrtles, c
Fast by a fountain, one sm
Of blowing myrrh and balm
My conduct, I can bring th

"Lead then," said Eve.
In tangles, and made intri
To mischief swift. Hope

on, root of all our wo; 645
1 she saw, thus to her guide she spake:

we might have spar'd our coming hither,
me, though fruit be here to excess,
f whose virtue rest with thee,
ndeed, if cause of such effects. 650
ree we may not taste nor touch;
nanded, and left that command
er of his voice; the rest, we live
elves, our reason is our law."

the tempter guilefully replied: 655
ith God then said that of the fruit
garden trees ye shall not eat,
clar'd of all in earth or air?"

thus Eve, yet sinless: "Of the fruit
in the garden we may eat; 660
uit of this fair tree, amidst
God hath said, 'Ye shall not eat
: shall ye touch it, lest ye die.'"

: had said, though brief, when now more

, but with show of zeal and love 665
l indignation at his wrong,
ts o t, and as to passion mov'd,
isturb'd, yet comely and in act
ome great matter to begin.
old some orator renown'd, 670
or free Rome, where eloquence
ince mute, to some great cause address'd,
iself collected, while each part,
h act, won audience ere the tongue,
1 height began, as no delay 675
rooking through his zeal of right;
moving, or to height up-grown,
:, all impassion'd, thus began:

d, wise, and wisdom-giving plant,
:ience! now I feel thy power 680
clear, not only to discern
eir causes, but to trace the ways
gens, deem'd how ever wise.

To reach, and feed a

So saying, her ras
Forth reaching to th
Earth felt the wound
Sighing through all h
That all was lost. F
The guilty serpent, a
Intent now wholly on
Regarded, such deligh
In fruit she never tast
Or fancied so, through
Of knowledge, nor wa
Greedily she ingorg'd
And knew not eating
And heighten'd as with
Thus to herself she ple

"O sov'reign, virtuo
In Paradise, of operati
To sapience, hitherto o
And thy fair fruit let h
Created; but hencefort
Not without song, each

g on earth; and other care perhaps
diverted from continual watch
forbidder, safe with all his spies 815
. But to Adam in what sort
pear? shall I to him make known
change, and give him to partake
iness with me, or rather not,
the odds of knowledge in my power 820
opartner? so to add what wants
sex, the more to draw his love,
r me more equal, and perhaps,
t undesirable, sometime
for inferior who is free? 825
be well: but what if God have seen,
ensue? then I shall be no more,
, wedded to another Eve,
with her enjoying, I extinct;
think. Confirm'd then I resolve, 830
ll share with me in bliss or wo:
ove him, that with him all deaths
lure, without him live no life."

g, from the tree her step she turn'd,
w reverence done, as to the power 835
t within, whose presence had infus'd
ant sciential sap, deriv'd
r, drink of gods. Adam the while
sirous her return, had wove
flowers a garland to adorn 840
, and her rural labours crown,
oft are wont their harvest queen.
he promis'd to his thoughts, and new
er return, so long delay'd;
heart, divine of something ill, 845
im; he the falt'ring measure felt;
to meet her went, the way she took
when first they parted; by the tree
lge he must pass, there he her met,
n the tree returning; in her hand 850
f fairest fruit, that downy smil'd,
r'd, and ambrosial smell diffus'd.
e hasted; in her face excuse
ogue, and apology too prompt, 855
h bland words at will she thus address'd:

Of danger tasted, no
Opening the way, bu
To open eyes, and m
And hath been tasted
Or not restrain'd as w
Hath eaten of the fru
Not dead, as we are
Endued with human
Reasoning to admirat
Persuasively hath so
Have also tasted, and
Th' effects to correspo
Dim erst, dilated spiri
And growing up to G
Chiefly I sought, with
For bliss, as thou hast
Tedious unshar'd with
Thou therefore also ta
May join us, equal joy
Lest thou, not tasting,
Disjoin us, and I then
Deity for thee, when fa

Thus Eve with count

ine, good, amiable, or sweet.
thou lost, how on a sudden lost, 900
leflower'd, and how to death devote?
ow hast thou yielded to transgress
: forbiddance, how to violate
d fruit forbidden? some curs'd fraud
hath beguil'd thee, yet unknown, 905
vith thee hath ruin'd, for with thee
ıy resolution is to die.
I live without thee, how forego
t converse, and love so dearly join'd,
gain in these wild woods forlorn! 910
od create another Eve, and I
ib afford, yet loss of thee
ver from my heart; no, no, I feel
of nature draw me: flesh of flesh,
ıy bone thou art, and from thy state 915
er shall be parted, bliss or wo."

ing said, as one from sad dismay
ted, and after thoughts disturb'd,
ıg to what seem'd remediless,
alm mood his words to Eve he turn'd: 920

deed thou hast presum'd, adventrous Eve,
great provok'd, who thus hath dar'd,
en only coveting to eye
ed fruit, sacred to abstinence,
re to taste it under ban to touch. 925
who can recall, or done undo?
omnipotent, nor Fate; yet so
hou shalt not die, perhaps the fact
heinous now, foretasted fruit,
first by the serpent, by him first 930
nmon and unhallow'd ere our taste;
ın him found deadly, he yet lives,
hou said'st, and gains to live as man,
egree of life; inducement strong
likely tasting to attain 935
nal ascent, which cannot be
gods, or angels demi-gods.
think that God, Creator wise,
reat'ning, will in earnest so destroy
ne creatures, dignified so high,
his works, which in our fall,

He ruin'd, now mankind; who
Matter of scorn, not to be give
However I with thee have fix'd
Certain to undergo like doom;
Consort with thee, death is to r
So forcible within my heart I fe
The bond of nature draw me t
My own in thee, for what thou
Our state cannot be sever'd, w
One flesh; to lose thee were to

So Adam, and thus Eve to h
"O glorious trial of exceeding
Illustrious evidence, example h
Engaging me to emulate, but s
Of thy perfection, how shall I
Adam? from whose dear side I
And gladly of our union hear
One heart, one soul in both;
This day affords, declaring th
Rather than death, or ought t
Shall separate us, link'd in lov
To undergo with me one guil

ivine, that what of sweet before
ı'd my sense, flat seems to this, and harsh.
ɔerience, Adam, freely taste,
f death deliver to the winds."

ıg, she embrac'd him, and for joy 990
wept, much won that he his love
ɔbled, as of choice to incur
ɔleasure for her sake, or death.
:nse for such compliance (bad
ıpense best merits) from the bough 995
ıim of that fair enticing fruit
al hand: he scrupled not to eat
ı better knowledge, not deceiv'd,
overcome with female charm.
ıbled from her entrails, as again 1000
ınd Nature gave a second groan;
d, and, muttering thunder, some sad drops
ɔmpleting of the mortal sin
while Adam took no thought,
fill, nor Eve to iterate 1005
· trespass fear'd, the more to sooth
her lov'd society, that now,
:w wine intoxicated both,
ı in mirth, and fancy that they feel
ithin them breeding wings 1010
ı to scorn the earth: but that false fruit
ɔperation first display'd,
ire inflaming; he on Eve
ast lascivious eyes; she him
ly repaid; in lust they burn: 1015
thus 'gan Eve to dalliance move:

ɔw I see thou art exact of taste,
ıt, of sapience no small part,
ch meaning savour we apply,
: call judicious; I the praise 1020
so well this day thou hast purvey'd.
ıure we have lost, while we abstain'd
lelightful fruit, nor known till now
, tasting; if such pleasure be
us forbidden, it might be wish'd, 1025
tree had been forbidden ten.
well refresh'd, now let us play,
fter such delicious fare:

Of amorous [illegible]
Of Eve, whose eye darted cont
Her hand he seiz'd, and to a s
Thick over head with verdant
He led her, nothing loath; flo
Pansies, and violets, and asph
And hyacinth, earth's freshest
There they their fill of love ar
Took largely, of their mutual
The solace of their sin, till dev
Oppress'd them, wearied with

Soon as the force of that fa
That with exhilarating vapou
About their spirits had play'd
Made err, was now exhal'd;
Bred of unkindly fumes, with
Encumber'd, now had left the
As from unrest, and, each the
Soon found their eyes how o
How darken'd; innocence, t
Had shadow'd them from kn
Just confidence, and native
[illegible] from about ther

find indeed, and find we know
ınd evil, good lost, and evil got:
knowledge, if this be to know,
'es us naked thus, of honour void,
:e, of faith, of purity, 1075
l ornaments now soil'd and stain'd,
faces evident the signs
cupiscence; whence evil store;
:, the last of evils: of the first
n. How shall I behold the face 1080
of God or angel, erst with joy
e so oft beheld? those heavenly shapes
: now this earthly with their blaze
r bright. O might I here
live savage, in some glade 1085
/here highest woods, impenetrable
ınn light, spread their umbrage broad

Began to rise, high passions
Mistrust, suspicion, discord,
T'heir inward state of mind
And full of peace, now toss'
For understanding rul'd no
Heard not her lore, both in
To sensual appetite, who fr
Usurping over sov'reign re
Superior sway: from this
Adam, estrang'd in look ar
Speech intermitted thus to

"Would thou hadst he
stay'd
With me, as I besought th
Desire of wand'ring this u
I know not whence posses
Remain'd still happy, not
Of all our good, sham'd, n
Let none henceforth seek
The faith they owe; whe
Such proof, conclude, they

To whom, soon mov'd
Eve:
"What words have pass'

d me absolutely not to go,
:o such danger as thou saidst ?
e then thou didst not much gainsay,
t permit, approve, and fair dismiss.
ou been firm and fix'd in thy dissent, 1160
ıad I transgress'd, nor thou with me."

om then first incens'd, Adam replied:
.he love, is this the recompense
:o thee, ingrateful Eve, express'd
le, when thou wert lost, not I; 1165
:ht have liv'd and joy'd immortal bliss,
ngly chose rather death with thee?
I now upbraided as the cause
ansgressing? not enough severe,
in my restraint: what could I more? 1170
thee, I admonish'd thee, foretold
ger, and the lurking enemy
in wait; beyond this had been force,
e upon free will hath here no place.
dence then bore thee on, secure 1175
meet no danger, or to find
f glorious trial; and perhaps
'd in overmuch admiring
em'd in thee so perfect, that I thought
lust attempt thee, but I rue 1180
or now, which is become my crime,
ı th' accuser. Thus it shall befall
ɔ to worth in woman overtrusting
will rule; restraint she will not brook,
to herself, if evil thence ensue, 1185
his weak indulgence will accuse."

they in mutual accusation spent
tless hours, but neither self-condemning
heir vain contest appear'd no end.

END OF BOOK NINTH.

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Man's transgression knou
sake Paradise, and ret
their vigilance; and a
that the entrance of Sa
vented. He sends his
sors, who descends an
then in pity clothes the
and Death, sitting till
wondrous sympathy, fe
this new world, and th
resolve to sit no longer
Satan their sire up to
the way easier from hel
pave a broad highway
to the track that Sa'r
for earth, they meet hu
ing to hell; their mut
at Pandemonium: in

perceiving his fallen condition, heavily be-
jects the condolement of Eve; she persists,
gth appeases him: then, to evade the curse
ll on their offspring, proposes to Adam vio-
which he approves not, but conceiving bet-
nuts her in mind of the late promise made
her seed should be revenged on the Serpent,
ts her, with him, to seek peace with the of-
ity by repentance and supplication.

ILE the heinous and despiteful act
ne in Paradise, and how
rpent had perverted Eve,
d she, to taste the fatal fruit,
in heaven; for what can scape the eye 5
seeing, or deceive his heart
? who, in all things wise and just,
t Satan to attempt the mind
h strength entire, and free-will arm'd
have discover'd and repuls'd 10
riles of foe or seeming friend.
y knew, and ought to have still remem-
'd,
junction not to taste that fruit,
mpted; which they not obeying,
at could they less?) the penalty, 15
ld in sin, deserv'd to fall.

eaven from Paradise in haste
guards ascended, mute and sad
r of his state by this they knew,
'ring how the subtle fiend had stol'n 20
seen. Soon as th' unwelcome news
arriv'd at heaven-gate, displeas'd
o heard; dim sadness did not spare
elestial visages, yet mix'd
violated not their bliss. 25
ew-arriv'd in multitudes
l people ran, to hear and know
ell: they towards the throne supreme
e made haste to make appear
ous plea their utmost vigilance, 30
pprov'd; when the Most High

Foretold so lately wha
When first this tempte
I told ye then he shoul
On his bad errand, ma
And flatter'd out of all,
Against his Maker; n
Concurring to necessita
Or touch with lightest
His free-will, to her ow
In even scale. But fall
What rests, but that th
On his transgression, d
Which he presumes alr
Because not yet inflicte
By some immediate str
Forbearance no acquitt
Justice shall not return
But whom send I to juc
Vicegerent Son? to the
All judgment, whether
Easy it may be seen th
Mercy colleague with j
Man's friend, his media
Both ransom and redeer
And destin'd man hima

When time shall be, for so I undertook
Before thee; and not repenting, this obtain
Of right, that I may mitigate their doom
On me deriv'd; yet I shall temper so
Justice with mercy, as may illustrate most
Them fully satisfied, and Thee appease.
Attendance none shall need, nor train, where no
Are to behold the judgment, but the judg'd,
Those two; the third best absent is condemn'd,
Convict by flight, and rebel to all law:
Conviction to the serpent none belongs."

Thus saying, from his radiant seat he rose
Of high collateral glory: him, thrones and powe
Princedoms and dominations, ministrant,
Accompanied to heaven-gate, from whence
Eden and all the coast in prospect lay.
Down he descended straight; the speed of gods
Time counts not, tho' with swiftest minutes win
Now was the sun in western cadence low
From noon, and gentle airs, due at their hour
To fan the earth, now wak'd, and usher in
The evening cool, when he from wrath more coo
Came the mild judge and intercessor both
To sentence man: the voice of God they heard,
Now walking in the garden, by soft winds
Brought to their ears, while day declin'd; they h
And from his presence hid themselves among
The thickest trees, both man and wife, till God
Approaching, thus to Adam call'd aloud:

"Where art thou, Adam, wont with joy to m
My coming seen far off? I miss thee here,
Not pleas'd, thus entertain'd with solitude,
Where obvious duty ere while appear'd unsoug
Or come I less conspicuous, or what change
Absents thee, or what chance detains? Come fo

He came, and with him Eve, more loath, th
To offend, discountenanced both, and discompos'
Love was not in their looks, either to God
Or to each other, but apparent guilt,
And shame, and perturbation, and despair,
Anger, and obstinacy, and hate, and guile.
Whence Adam falt'ring long, thus answer'd

... I gave thee

To whom thus Adam
"O heaven! in evil str
Before my Judge, eith
Myself the total crime,
My other self, the part
Whose failing, while h
I should conceal, and n
By my complaint; but
Subdues me, and calami
Lest on my head both s
However insupportable,
Devolv'd; though shoul
Wouldst easily detect w
This woman, whom tho
And gav'st me as thy pe
So fit, so acceptable, so
That from her hand I co
And what she did, whate
Her doing seem'd to justi
She gave me of the tree,

To whom the sov'reign

said, he thus to Eve in few:
ıen, what is this which thou hast done?"

sad Eve, with shame nigh overwhelm'd,
ɔon, yet not before her Judge 160
ıcious, thus abash'd, replied:
ıt me beguil'd, and I did eat."

ıen the Lord God heard, without delay
t he proceeded on th' accurs'd
ugh brute, unable to transfer 165
him who made him instrument
and polluted from the end
on; justly then accurs'd,
n nature: more to know
ɔt man (since he no further knew) 170
is offence; yet God at last
st in sin, his doom applied,
ıysterous terms, judg'd as then best:
erpent thus his curse let fall:
ou hast done this, thou art accurs'd
ttle, each beast of the field; 175
lly grov'ling thou shalt go,
ılt eat all the days of thy life.
e and the woman I will put
between thine and her seed; 180
ıll bruise thy head, thou bruise his heel."

his oracle, then verified
, son of Mary, second Eve,
all like lightning down from heaven,
e air; then rising from his grave 185
ipalities and powers, triumph'd
v, and with ascension bright,
l captive through the air,
self of Satan long usurp'd,
ıall tread at last under our feet; 190
ɔ now foretold his fatal bruise,
voman thus his sentence turn'd
w I will greatly multiply
eption; children thou shalt bring
rth; and to thy husband's will 195
submit; he over thee shall rule."

last thus judgment he pronounc'd:
ıu hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife,

Till thou return unto the g
Out of the ground was tak
For dust thou art, and shal

So judg'd he Man, both
And th' instant stroke of d
Remov'd far off; then pity
Before him naked to the ai
Must suffer change, disdai
Thenceforth the form of s
As when he wash'd his se
As father of his family, he
Their nakedness with ski
Or as the snake with yout
And thought not much to
Nor he their outward onl
Of beasts, but inward na
Opprobrious, with his rob
Arraying cover'd from his
To him with swift ascent
Into his blissful bosom re
In glory as of old; to hi
All, though all-knowing,
Recounted, mixing interc

ıgers, since no place like this
punishment or their revenge.
feel new strength within me rise,
ving, and dominion given me large
ɜ deep ; whatever draws me on, 245
ıy, or some connatural force
t greatest distance to unite
: amity things of like kind
t conveyance. Thou, my shade
, must with me along : 250
from Sin no power can separate.
difficulty of passing back
ırn perhaps over this gulf
impervious, let us try
ɜ work, yet to thy power and mine 255
eable, to found a path
ıain from hell to that new world
an now prevails, a monument
gh to all th' infernal host,
r passage hence, for intercourse, 260
gression, as their lot shall lead.
ıiss the way, so strongly drawn
r-felt attraction and instinct."

ıus the meagre Shadow answer'd soon :
er fate and inclination strong 265
; I shall not lag behind, nor err
ıou leading, such a scent I draw
, prey innumerable, and taste
of death from all things there that live :
to the work thou enterprisest 270
, but afford thee equal aid."

ɡ, with delight he snuff'd the smell
hange on earth. As when a flock
s fowl, though many a league remote,
day of battle, to a field, 275
ies lie encamp'd, come flying, lur'd
of living carcasses design'd
the following day, in bloody fight :
the grim Feature, and upturn'd
wide into the murky air, 280
f his quarry from so far.
rom out hell-gates into the waste
hy of Chaos damp and dark

Beyond Petsora eastward,
Cathaian coast. The aggr
Death, with his mace petri
As with a trident smote, ar
As Delos floating once; th
Bound with Gorgonian rig
And with Asphaltic slime,
Deep to the roots of hell, tl
They fasten'd, and the mo
Over the foaming deep hig
Of length prodigious, joinir
Immoveable of this now fe
Forfeit to death; from hen
Smooth, easy, inoffensive,
So, if great things to small
Xerxes, the liberty of Gre
From Susa his Memnonia
Came to the sea, and over
Bridging his way, Europe
And scourg'd with many a
Now had they brought th
Pontifical, a ridge of pend
Over the vex'd abyss, follo
Of Satan to the self-same
First lighted from his win
From out of Chaos, to the

His zenith, while the sun in Aries rose:
Disguis'd he came, but those his children dear
Their parent soon discern'd, though in disguise.
He, after Eve seduc'd, unminded slunk
Into the wood fast by, and changing shape
To observe the sequel, saw his guileful act
By Eve, though all unweeting, seconded
Upon her husband, saw their shame that sought
Vain covertures; but when he saw descend
The Son of God to judge them, terrified
He fled, not hoping to escape, but shun
The present, fearing, guilty, what his wrath
Might suddenly inflict; that past, return'd
By night, and list'ning where the hapless pair
Sat in their sad discourse, and various plaint,
Thence gather'd his own doom, which understoo
Not instant, but of future time, with joy
And tidings fraught, to hell he now return'd,
And at the brink of Chaos, near the foot
Of this new wondrous pontifice, unhop'd
Met, who to meet him came, his offspring dear.
Great joy was at their meeting, and at sight
Of that stupendous bridge his joy increas'd.
Long he admiring stood, till Sin, his fair
Enchanting daughter, thus the silence broke:

"O parent, these are thy magnific deeds,
Thy trophies, which thou view'st as not thine ow
Thou art their author and prime architect:
For I no sooner in my heart divin'd,
My heart, which by a secret harmony
Still moves with thine, join'd in connexion sweet
That thou on earth hadst prosper'd, which thy lo
Now also evidence, but straight I felt,
Though distant from thee worlds between, yet fe
That I must after thee with this thy son,
Such fatal consequence unites us three:
Hell could no longer hold us in her bounds,
Nor this unvoyageable gulf obscure
Detain from following thy illustrious track.
Thou hast achiev'd our liberty, confin'd
Within hell-gates, till now, thou us impower'd
To fortify thus far, and overlay
With this portentous bridge the dark abyss.
Thine now is all this world; thy virtue hath

Of all things parted by th' en
His quadrature, from thy orb
Or try thee now more dang'r

Whom thus the prince of d
"Fair daughter, and thou so
High proof ye now have give
Of Satan, (for I glory in the n
Antagonist of heaven's Almig
Amply have merited of me, of
Th' infernal empire, that so n
Triumphal with triumphal act
Mine with this glorious work,
Hell and this world one realm
Of easy thoroughfare. There
Descend through darkness, on
To my associate powers, them
With these successes, and wit
You two this way, among the
All yours, right down to Parad
There dwell and reign in bliss,
Dominion exercise, and in the
Chiefly on man, sole lord of all
Him first make sure your thrall
My substitutes I send ye, and c

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ted Chaos, over-built, exclaim'd!
ith rebounding surge the bars assail'd,
corn'd his indignation: through the gate,
pen and unguarded, Satan pass'd,
l about found desolate; for those 4
ted to sit there had left their charge,
to the upper world; the rest were all
th' inland retir'd, about the walls
demonium, city and proud seat
ifer, so by allusion call'd, 4
bright star to Satan paragon'd.
kept their watch the legions, while the gran
cil sat, solicitous what chance
intercept their emperor sent; so he,
ing, gave command, and they observ'd. 4
en the Tartar from his Russian foe
tracan over the snowy plains
; or Bactrian Sophi from the horn
rkish crescent, leaves all waste beyond
alm of Aladule, in his retreat 4
uris or Casbeen: so these, the late
n banish'd host, left desert utmost hell
a dark league, reduc'd in careful watch
their metropolis, and now expecting 4
our their great adventurer from the search
ign worlds. He through the midst, unmark'
w plebeian angel militant
est order, pass'd; and from the door
t Plutonian hall, invisible,
led his high throne, which under state 4
est texture spread, at th' upper end
lac'd in regal lustre. Down awhile
, and round about him saw unseen:
t, as from a cloud, his fulgent head
nape star-bright appear'd, or brighter clad, 4
what permissive glory since his fall
eft him, or false glitter. All amaz'd
t so sudden blaze, the Stygian throng
heir aspect, and whom they wish'd beheld,
mighty chief return'd: loud was th' acclaim
rush'd in haste the great consulting peers, 4
from their dark divan, and with like joy
atulant approach'd him, who with hand
, and with these words, attention won:

And dungeon of our tyrant:
As lords, a spacious world, to
Little inferior, by my adventu
With peril great achiev'd. L
What I have done, what suffe
Voyag'd the unreal, vast, unl
Of horrible confusion, over wh
By Sin and Death, a broad w
To expedite your glorious ma
Toil'd out my uncouth passag
Th' untractable abyss, plung'
Of unoriginal Night and Chao
That jealous of their secrets fie
My journey strange, with clan
Protesting Fate supreme; the
The new-created world, which
Long had foretold, a fabric wo
Of absolute perfection! therei
Plac'd in a Paradise, by our e
Made happy. Him by fraud
From his Creator, and, the mo
Your wonder, with an apple!
Offended, worth your laughte
Both his beloved man, and all

ing said, awhile he stood expecting
versal shout and high applause 505
ear; when, contrary, he hears
es, from innumerable tongues,
universal hiss, the sound
scorn; he wonder'd, but not long
re, wond'ring at himself now more; 510
e drawn he felt to sharp and spare,
clung to his ribs; his legs intwining
r, still supplanted, down he fell
ous serpent on his belly prone,
, but in vain; a greater power 515
him, punish'd in the shape he sinn'd
to his doom. He would have spoke,
or hiss return'd with forked tongue
tongue, for now were all transform'd
serpents all, as accessories 520

Now risen, to work them
Yet parch'd with scaldin
Though to delude them s
But on they roll'd in hea
Climbing, sat thicker th
That curl'd Magæra : g
The fruitage fair to sigh
Near that bituminous la
This more delusive, not
Deceiv'd ; they fondly
Their appetite with gu
Chew'd bitter ashes, w
With spattering noise
Hunger and thirst cons
With hatefullest disrel
With soot and cinders
Into the same illusion,
Whom they triumph'
plagu'd
And worn with famin
Till their lost shape,
Yearly enjoy'd, some
This annual humblin
To dash their pride,

Satan sprung, all conqu'ring Death!
thou of our empire now, tho' earn'd
ficult, not better far
ell's dark threshold to have sat watch,
eaded, and thyself half-starv'd?" 595

he Sin-born monster answer'd soon:
with eternal famine pine,
Paradise, or heaven,
re most with ravine I may meet;
' plenteous all too little seems 600
aw, this vast unhide-bound corpse."

incestuous mother thus replied:
re on these herbs, and fruits, and

ch beast next, and fish, and fowl,
sels; and whatever thing 605
Time mows down, devour unspar'd;
siding through the race,
is looks, words, actions, all infect,
thy last and sweetest prey."

y both betook them several ways,
, or unimmortal make 611
or destruction to mature
which th' Almighty seeing,
endent seat the saints among,
orders utter'd thus his voice: 615

hat heat these dogs of hell advance
avoe yonder world, which I
created, and had still
te, had not the folly of man
steful furies, who impute 620
loth the prince of hell
nts, that with so much ease
enter and possess
enly, and conniving seem
scornful enemies, 625
f transported with some fit
them had quitted all,
led up to their misrule
hat I call'd and drew them thither,
to lick up the draff and filth 630

Then heaven and ea
To sanctity that sha
Till then the curse p

He ended, and the
Sung hallelujah, as t
Through multitude t
Righteous are thy de
Who can extenuate t
"Destin'd restorer of
New heaven and eart
Or down from heaven
While the Creator, ca
His mighty angels, g
As sorted best with p
Had first his precept
As might affect the e
Scarce tolerable, and
Decrepit winter, from
Solstitial summer's h
Her office they prescr
Their planetary moti
In sextile, square, an
Of noxious efficacy, a
In synod unbenign ;

ister, and the Spartan Twins
Tropic Crab; thence down amain 675
nd the Virgin and the Scales,
s Capricorn, to bring in change
s to each clime; else had the spring
smil'd on earth with verdant flowers,
lays and nights, except to those 680
ie polar circles; to them day
nighted shone, with the low sun,
pense his distance, in their sight
ded still th' horizon, and not known
west, which had forbid the snow 685
l Estotiland, and south as far
Magellan. At that tasted fruit
as from Thyestean banquet, turn'd
e intended; else how had the world
though sinless, more than now, 690
inching cold and scorching heat?
nges in the heavens, though slow, produc'd
ge on sea and land, sideral blast,
nd mist, and exhalation hot,
nd pestilent. Now from the north 695
bega, and the Samoed shore,
heir brazen dungeon, arm'd with ice,
and hail, and stormy gust and flaw
d Cæcias, and Argestes loud,
sias, rend the woods and seas upturn; 700
erse blast upturn them from the south
Afer, black with thund'rous clouds
aliona; thwart of these as fierce
the Levant and the Ponent winds,
Zephyr, with their lateral noise, 705
d Libecchio. Thus began
om lifeless things; but Discord first,
of Sin, among th' irrational,
oduc'd through fierce antipathy: 709
with beast 'gan war, and fowl with fowl,
vith fish; to graze the herb all leaving,
each other: nor stood much in awe
at fled him, or with count'nance grim
him passing. These were from without.
ing miseries which Adam saw 715
part, though hid in gloomiest shade,
abandon'd, but worse felt within,

Of God, whom to behol
Of happiness! yet well,
The misery; I deserv'd
My own deservings; bu
All that I eat or drink, o
Is propagated curse. O
Delightfully, 'Increase a
Now death to hear! for
Or multiply, but curses
Who of all ages to succe
The evil on him brought
My head? Ill fare our a
For this we may thank
Shall be the execration;
Mine own that bide upo
Shall with a fierce reflux
On me, as on their natu
Heavy, though in their
Of Paradise, dear bough
Did I request thee, Mak
To mould me man? Did
From darkness to promo
In this delicious garden
Concurr'd not to my bei

hou beget me? I sought it not:
nit for his contempt of thee
e? Yet him not thy election,
sity begot, 765
choice his own, and of his own
y reward was of his grace,
hen justly is at his will.
nit; his doom is fair,
nd shall to dust return: 770
vhenever! Why delays
ite what his decree
? Why do I overlive?
l with death, and lengthen'd out
? How gladly would I meet 775
tence, and be earth
glad would lay me down
s lap! There I should rest
his dreadful voice no more
my ears, no fear of worse 780
offspring would torment me
tation. Yet one doubt
est all I cannot die,
ath of life, the spirit of man
r'd, cannot together perish 785
al clod; then in the grave,
dismal place, who knows
iving death? O thought
Yet why? It was but breath
: what dies but what had life 790
dy properly hath neither.
all die: let this appease
human reach no further knows.
ord of all be infinite,
? Be it, man is not so, 795
d. How can he exercise
nd on man whom death must end?
thless death? that were to make
tion, which to God himself
, as argument 800
of power. Will he draw out,
finite to infinite
to satisfy his rigour
That were to extend
nd dust and Nature's law, 805
s else according still

On my defenceless head; o
Am found eternal, and incor
Nor I on my part single, in
Posterity stands curs'd: fai
That I must leave ye, sons;
To waste it all myself, and
So disinherited how would
Me, now your curse! Ah!
For one man's fault thus gu
If guiltless? But from me w
But all corrupt, both mind a
Not to do only, but to will t
With me? How can they t
In sight of God? Him after
Fore'd I absolve: all my ev
And reasonings, though thr
But to my own conviction:
On me, me only, as the sour
Of all corruption, all the bla
So might the wrath. Fond
port
That burden, heavier than
Than all the world much he
With that bad woman? Th
And what thou fear'st, alike
Of refuge, and concludes th

th double terror: on the ground 850
he lay, on the cold ground, and oft
ation, death as oft accus'd
cution, since denounc'd
is offence. "Why comes not death,"
th one thrice-acceptable stroke 855
Shall truth fail to keep her word,
not hasten to be just?
nes not at all, justice divine
r slowest pace for prayers or cries.
untains, hillocks, dales, and bowers
cho late I taught your shades 861
nd resound far other song."
afflicted when sad Eve beheld,
re she sat, approaching nigh,
his fierce passion she assay'd; 865

Or whom he wishes
Through her perver
By a far worse, or i
By parents ; or his
Shall meet, already
To a fell adversary,
Which infinite calar
To human life, and

He added not, an
Not so repuls'd, wit
And tresses all disor
Fell humble, and em
His peace, and thus

"Forsake me not
What love sincere, a
I bear thee, and unw
Unhappily deceiv'd
I beg, and clasp thy
Whereon I live, thy
Thy counsel in this u
My only strength an
Whither shall I betal

d weeping, and her lowly plight,
e till peace obtain'd from fault
g'd and deplor'd, in Adam wrought
tion; soon his heart relented 940
r, his life so late and sole delight,
feet submissive in distress,
fair his reconcilement seeking,
l whom she had displeas'd, his aid:
rm'd, his anger all he lost, 945
vith peaceful words uprais'd her soon:

y, and too desirous, as before,
what thou know'st not, who desir'st
hment all on thyself; alas!
own first, ill able to sustain 950
ath, whose thou feel'st as yet least part,
displeasure bear'st so ill. If prayers

The race unbless'd, to being
Childless thou art, childless
Shall be deceiv'd his glut, a
Be forc'd to satisfy his rave
But if thou judge it hard an
Conversing, looking, loving,
From love's due rites, nupti
And with desire to languish
Before the present object la
With like desire, which wo
And torment less than none
Then, both ourselves and s
From what we fear for both
Let us seek Death, or he n
With our own hands his of
Why stand we longer shiv
That show no end but deat
Of many ways to die the s
Destruction with destructic

She ended here, or vehe
Broke off the rest; so muc
Had entertain'd, as dy'd h
But Adam, with such cou
To better hopes his more a

er arm'd his vengeful ire than so
:all'd: much more I fear lest death
will not exempt us from the pain 1025
doom to pay; rather such acts
:cy will provoke the Highest
ath in us live. Then let us seek
·esolution, which methinks
:w, calling to mind with heed 1030
sentence, that thy seed shall bruise
:'s head; piteous amends, unless
vhom I conjecture, our grand foe
in the serpent hath contriv'd
:his deceit: to crush his head 1035
evenge indeed; which will be lost
ought on ourselves, or childless days
thou proposest; so our foe
his punishment ordain'd, and we
.l double ours upon our heads. 1040
mention'd then of violence
·selves, and wilful barrenness,
s off from hope, and savours only
d pride, impatience and despite,
against God and his just yoke 1045
necks. Remember with what mild
ıs temper he both heard and judg'd,
rath or reviling; we expected
lissolution, which we thought
. by death that day, when lo, to thee
.n child-bearing were foretold, 1051
ıg forth, soon recompens'd with joy,
/ womb: on me the curse aslope
the ground; with labour I must earn
what harm? Idleness had been worse;
will sustain me; and lest cold 1056
ıuld injure us, his timely care
ıought provided, and his hands
ınworthy, pitying while he judg'd;
more, if we pray him, will his ear 1060
ıd his heart to pity incline,
us further by what means to shun
ent seasons, rain, ice, hail, and snow?
/ the sky with various face begins
in this mountain, while the winds 1065
and keen, shattering the graceful locks
r spreading trees; which bids us seek

down,
Kindles the gummy bark o
And sends a comfortable he
Which might supply the su
And what may else be rem
To evils which our own mis
He will instruct us praying
Beseeching him, so as we n
To pass commodiously this
By him with many comforts
In dust, our final rest and n
What better can we do, tha
Repairing where he judg'd
Before him reverent, and the
Humbly our faults, and par
Watering the ground, and w
Frequenting, sent from hear
Of sorrow unfeign'd, and hu
Undoubtedly he will relent a
From his displeasure; in wh
When angry most he seem'd
What else but favour, grace,

So spake our father penite

PARADISE LOST.

BOOK XI.

THE ARGUMENT.

f God presents to his Father the prayers of t parents now repenting, and intercedes for God accepts them, but declares that they must er abide in Paradise: sends Michael with a Cherubim to dispossess them; but first to o Adam future things. Michael's coming Adam shows to Eve certain ominous signs; rns Michael's approach, goes out to meet him: gel denounces their departure. Eve's lamen- Adam pleads, but submits. The Angel leads to a high hill, sets before him in vision what ppen till the flood.

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y in lowliest plight repentant stood
for from the mercy-seat above
t grace descending had remov'd
from their hearts, and made new flesh
e grow instead, that sighs now breath'd 5
le, which the spirit of prayer
nd wing'd for heaven with speedier flight
lest oratory: yet their port
an suitors, nor important less
eir petition, than when th' ancient pair 10
ld, less ancient yet than these,
and chaste Pyrrha, to restore
of mankind drown'd, before the shrine
stood devout. To heaven their prayers
or miss'd the way by er winds
or frustrate

See, Father, wh
From thy implanted
And prayers, which
With incense, I, thy
Fruits of more pleasi
Sown with contritio
Which, his own han
Of Paradise could ha
From innocence. N
To supplication, hea
Unskilful with what
Interpret for him, me
And propitiation; all
Good or not good, in
Shall perfect, and for
Accept me, and in me
The smell of peace to
Before thee reconcil'd,
Number'd, though sad
To mitigate thus plea
To better life shall yie
All my redeem'd may
Made one with me, as

ɜr serv'd but to eternize wo; 60
ɔvided death; so death becomes
remedy, and after life
sharp tribulation, and refin'd
and faithful works, to second life,
ı the renovation of the just, 65
ıim up with heaven and earth renew'd.
s call to synod all the bless'd
heaven's wide bounds; from them I will
not hide
nents, how with mankind I proceed,
vith peccant angels late they saw, 70
eir state, though firm, stood more confirm'd."

ed, and the Son gave signal high
ight minister that watch'd; he blew
pet, heard in Oreb since perhaps
ɔd descended, and perhaps once more 75
at general doom. Th' angelic blast
the regions; from their blissful bowers
nthine shade, fountain or spring,
aters of life, where'er they sat
ihips of joy, the sons of light 80
esorting to the summons high,
their seats; till from his throne supreme
ghty thus pronounc'd his sov'reign will:

s, like one of us man is become
both good and evil, since his taste 85
ɜfended fruit; but let him boast
ledge of good lost, and evil got;
ıad it suffic'd him to have known
tself, and evil not at all.
vs now, repents, and prays contrite, 90
ns in him; longer than they move,
I know, how variable and vain
Lest therefore his now bolder hand
o of the tree of life, and eat,
for ever, dream at least to live 95
to remove him I decree,
him from the garden forth to till
nd whence he was taken, fitter soil.

el, this my behest have thou in charge;
ee from among the cherubim 100

From hallow'd grou
To them and to their progeny
Perpetual banishment. Yet,
At the sad sentence rigorousl
For I behold them soften'd an
Bewailing their excess, all ter
If patiently thy bidding they
Dismiss them not disconsolate
To Adam what shall come in
As I shall thee enlighten; int
My covenant in the woman's
So send them forth, tho' sorro
And on the east side of the ga
Where entrance up from Ede
Cherubic watch, and of a swo
Wide waving, all approach f
And guard all passage to the
Lest Paradise a receptacle p
To spirits foul, and all my t
With whose stolen fruit ma

He ceas'd; and th' archa
For swift descent, with hin
Of watchful cherubim; fo

it as to concern the mind
h-bless'd, or to incline his will 145
ief may seem; yet this will prayer,
't sigh of human breath, upborne
seat of God. For since I sought
h' offended Deity t' appease,
d before him humbled all my heart, 150
I saw him placable and mild,
ear; persuasion in me grew
heard with favour; peace return'd
y breast and to my memory
, that thy 'seed shall bruise our foe;' 155
not minded in dismay, yet now
that the bitterness of death
we shall live. Whence hail to thee,
call'd, mother of all mankind,
ll things living, since by thee, 160
ive, and all things live for man."

thus Eve with sad demeanour meek:
I such title should belong
sgressor, who, for thee ordain'd
ame thy snare; to me reproach 165
ngs, distrust and all dispraise:
in pardon was my Judge,
first brought death on all, am grac'd
of life; next favourable thou,
thus to entitle me vouchsaf'st, 170
ame deserving. But the field
alls us now, with sweat impos'd
er sleepless night; for see the morn,
rn'd with our unrest, begins
ogress smiling; let us forth, 175
n thy side henceforth to stray,
ur day's work lies, though now enjoin'd
till day droop; while here we dwell,
e toilsome in these pleasant walks?
live, though in fallen state, content." 180

, so wish'd much humbled Eve, but fate
pot; Nature first gave signs, impress'd
ast, air, air suddenly eclips'd
blush of morn; nigh in her sight
Jove, stoop'd from his airy tour, 185
f gayest plume before him drove:

Forerunners of his pur
Us, haply too secure, c
From penalty, because
Some days; how long,
Who knows? Or more
And thither must retu
Why else this double
Of flight pursu'd in th'
One way the self-same
Darkness ere day's mi
More orient in yon we
O'er the blue firmamen
And slow descends, wit

He err'd not, for by
Down from a sky of ja
In Paradise, and on a l
A glorious apparition,
And carnal fear, that
Not that more gloriou
Jacob in Mahanaim,
The field pavilion'd w
Nor that which on the
In Dothan, cover'd wi
Against the Syrian ki
One man, assassin lik

blazing cloud that veils the hill,
avenly host, and by his gait 230
neanest, some great potentate,
nes above; such majesty
ming; yet not terrible,
l fear, nor sociably mild,
hat I should much confide, 235
d sublime, whom not to offend,
e I must meet, and thou retire."

and the archangel soon drew nigh,
pe celestial, but as man
nan; over his lucid arms 240
t of purple flow'd,
Meliboean, or the grain
n by kings and heroes old
e; Iris had dipp'd the woof;
m unbuckled show'd him prime 245
here youth ended; by his side,
ng zodiac, hung the sword,
ead, and in his hand the spear.
ow; he kingly, from his state
t his coming thus declar'd: 250

aven's high behest no preface needs:
thy prayers are heard, and death,
entence when thou didst transgress,
seizure, many days
race, wherein thou may'st repent, 255
ct with many deeds well done
well may then thy Lord, appeas'd,
uite from death's rapacious claim;
his Paradise to dwell
remove thee I am come, 260
from the garden forth, to till
ence thou wast taken, fitter soil."

t, for Adam at the news
ith chilling gripe of sorrow stood,
ses bound: Eve, who unseen, 265
rd, with audible lament
the place of her retire.

d stroke, worse than of death
e thee, Paradise? thus leave

Who now shall rear ye t
Your tribes, and water f
Thee lastly, nuptial bow
With what to sight or sm
How shall I part, and w
Into a lower world, to th
And wild? How shall w
Less pure, accustom'd to

Whom thus the angel
"Lament not, Eve, but p
What justly thou hast lo
Thus over-fond, on that
Thy going is not lonely;
Thy husband; him to fo
Where he abides, think t

Adam by this from the
Recov'ring, and his scatt
To Michael thus his hum

"Celestial! whether a
Of them the highest, for s
Prince above princes, gen

avails than breath against the wind,
ifling back on him that breathes it forth:
e to his great bidding I submit.
it afflicts me, that departing hence, 315
his face I shall be hid, depriv'd
ied count'nance; here I could frequent
rship, place by place, where he vouchsaf'd
divine, and to my sons relate,
mount he appear'd, under this tree 320
ible, among these pines his voice
iere with him at this fountain talk'd:'
grateful altars I would rear
turf, and pile up every stone
from the brook, in memory. 325
ment to ages, and thereon
eet-smelling gums, and fruits, and flowers.
r nether world where shall I seek
it appearances, or footstep trace?
gh I fled him angry, yet, recall'd 330
rolong'd and promis'd race, I now
ehold, though but his utmost skirts,
and far off his steps adore."

iom thus Michael with regard benign:
thou know'st heaven his, and all the earth,
rock only; his omnipresence fills 335
a, and air, and every kind that lives,
d by his virtual power and warm'd:
arth he gave thee to possess and rule,
icable gift; surmise not then 340
ence to these narrow bounds confin'd
lise or Eden: this had been
thy capital seat, from whence had spread
rations, and had hither come,
the ends of th' earth, to celebrate 345
erence thee their great progenitor.
pre-eminence thou hast lost, brought down,
on even ground now with thy sons:
ot not but in valley and in plain
s here, and will be found alike 350
and of his presence many a sign
owing thee, still compassing thee round
odness and paternal love, his face
and of his steps the track divine.
at thou may'st believe, and be confirm'd,

Prosperous or adverse:
Safest thy life, and best
Thy mortal passage wh
This hill; let Eve (for I
Here sleep below, while
As once thou slept'st, w

To whom thus Adam
"Ascend, I follow thee,
Thou lead'st me, and to
However chast'ning, to
My obvious breast, arm
By suffering, and earn r
If so I may attain." S
In the visions of God.
Of Paradise the highest
The hemisphere of earth
Stretch'd out to th' amp
Not higher that hill, or
Whereon, for diff'rent c
Our second Adam in th
To show him all earth's
His eye might there co
City of old or modern fa
Of mightiest empire, fro
Of Cambalu, seat of Ca

la, thought Ophir, to the realm 400
, and Angola farthest south;
from Niger flood to Atlas mount,
doms of Almansor, Fez, and Sus,
and Algiers, and Tremisen;
e thence, and where Rome was to sway 405
d: in spirit perhaps he also saw
:ico the seat of Montezume,
o in Peru, the richer seat
lipa, and yet unspoil'd
those great city Geryon's sons 410
orado. But to nobler sights
rom Adam's eyes the film remov'd,
at false fruit that promis'd clearer sight
; then purg'd with euphrasy and rue
l nerve, for he had much to see; 415
the well of life three drops instill'd,
ne power of these ingredients pierc'd,
ie inmost seat of mental sight,
m, now enforc'd to close his eyes, 419
n, and all his spirits became entranc'd;
he gentle angel by the hand
d, and his attention thus recall'd:

! now ope thine eyes, and first behold
s which thy original crime hath wrought
spring from thee, who never touch'd 425
ted tree, nor with the snake conspir'd,
l thy sin, yet from that sin derive
n to bring forth more violent deeds."

s he open'd, and beheld a field,
le and tilth, whereon were sheaves 430
'd, the other part sheep-walks and folds;
st an altar as the land-mark stood,
grassy sod; thither anon
reaper from his tillage brought
s, the green ear, and the yellow sheaf, 435
as came to hand; a shepherd next,
k, came with the firstlings of his flock
nd best; then sacrificing, laid
rds and their fat, with incense strow'd
ft wood, and all due rites perform'd. 440
g soon propitious fire from heaven
with nimble glance, and grateful steam

"O teacher, some great m
To that meek man, who we
Is piety thus and pure devot

T' whom Michael thus, h
"These two are brethren, A
Out of thy loins; th' unjust
For envy that his brother's
From heaven acceptance: b
Will be aveng'd, and th' oth
Lose no reward, though here
Rolling in dust and gore."

"Alas, both for the deed
But have I now seen Death?
I must return to native dust?
Of terror, foul and ugly to b
Horrid to think, how horrible

To whom thus Michael:
In his first shape on man; b
Of death, and many are the
To his grim cave, all dismal
More terrible at th' entrance
Some, as thou saw'st, by vio

:tone and ulcer, cholic pangs,
phrenzy, moping melancholy, 485
ı-struck madness, pining atrophy,
s, and wide-wasting pestilence,
and asthmas, and joint-racking rheums.
the tossing, deep the groans; Despair
ne sick, busiest from couch to couch; 490
them triumphant Death his dart
ıt delay'd to strike, though oft invok'd
's, as their chief good, and final hope.
eform what heart of rock could long
behold? Adam could not, but wept, 495
ot of woman born; compassion quell'd
f man, and gave him up to tears
:ill firmer thoughts restrain'd excess;
e recovering words, his plaint renew'd:

erable mankind, to what fall 500
, to what wretched state reserv'd!
l here unborn. Why is life given
s wrested from us? Rather why
on us thus? who, if we knew
receive, would either not accept 505
d, or soon beg to lay it down,
e so dismiss'd in peace. Can thus
ı of God in man, created once
and erect, though faulty since
nsightly sufferings be debas'd 510
uman pains? Why should not man,
still divine similitude
om such deformities be free,
is Maker's image sake exempt?" 514

Maker's image," answer'd Michael, "then
hem, when themselves they vilified
ungovern'd appetite, and took
: whom they serv'd, a brutish vice,
mainly to the sin of Eve.
so abject is their punishment, 520
g not God's likeness, but their own,
ikeness, by themselves defac'd,
:y pervert pure nature's healthful rules
ome sickness; worthily, since they
ge did not reverence in themselves. 525

... what thou eat'st and
Due nourishment, not g
Till many years over th
So may'st thou live, till
Into thy mother's lap, o
Gather'd, not harshly p
This is old age; but the
Thy youth, thy streng
change
To wither'd, weak, and
Obtuse, all taste of pleas
To what thou hast; and
Hopeful and cheerful, in
A melancholy damp of e
To weigh thy spirits dow
The balm of life." To w

"Henceforth I fly not d
Life much; bent rather h
Fairest and easiest of this
Which I must keep till m
Of rend'ring up, and patie
My dissolution." Michae

"Nor love thy life

ıd melted, (whether found where casual fir
ıd wasted woods on mountain or in vale,
ɔwn to the veins of earth, thence gliding hot
ɔ some cave's mouth, or whether wash'd by stream
om underground,) the liquid ore he drain'd 570
to fit moulds prepar'd; from which he form'd
rst his own tools; then, what might else be wrought
ısil or grav'n in metal. After these,
ıt on the hither side, a different sort 574
om the high neighb'ring hills, which was their seat,
ɔwn to the plain descended: by their guise
st men they seem'd, and all their study bent
ɔ worship God aright, and know his works
ɔt hid, nor those things last which might preserve
eedom and peace to men: they on the plain 580
ng had not walk'd, when from the tents behold
bevy of fair women, richly gay
gems and wanton dress; to th' harp they sung
ft amorous ditties, and in dance came on.
ıe men, tho' grave, eyed them, and let their eyes
ɔve without rein, till in the amorous net 586
st caught, they lik'd, and each his liking chose;
ıd now of love they treat, till th' evening star,
ve's harbinger, appear'd; then all in heat
ıey light the nuptial torch, and bid invoke 590
ymen, then first to marriage-rites invok'd:
ith feast and music all the tents resound.
ch happy interview and fair event
' love and youth not lost, songs, garlands, flowers,
ıd charming symphonies, attach'd the heart 595
' Adam, soon inclin'd t' admit delight,
ıe bent of nature; which he thus express'd:

"True opener of mine eyes, prime angel bless'd
uch better seems this vision, and more hope
' peaceful days portends, than those two past; 600
hose were of hate and death, or pain much worse;
ere nature seems fulfill'd in all her ends."

To whom thus Michael: "Judge not what is best
r pleasure, though to nature seeming meet,
reated, as thou art, to nobler end, 605
ly and pure, conformity divine.
ose tents thou saw'st so pleasant, were the ter

Yet empty of all good
Woman's domestic ho
Bred only and comple
Of lustful appetence; t
To dress, and troll the
To these, that sober r
Religious titled them t
Shall yield up all their
Ignobly, to the trains
Of these fair atheists,
Ere long to swim at la
The world ere long a

To whom thus Ada
"O pity and shame!
Enter'd so fair, should
Paths indirect, or in th
But still I see the teno
Holds on the same, fro

"From man's effemi
Said th' angel, "who
By wisdom, and super
But now prepare thee

He look'd, and saw

ooty; scarce with life the shepherds fly, 650
l in aid, which makes a bloody fray;
ruel tournament the squadrons join;
cattle pastur'd late, now scatter'd lies
arcasses and arms, th' ensanguin'd field
d: others to a city strong 655
ge, encamp'd; by battery, scale, and mine,
ing; others from the wall defend
art and javelin, stones, and sulphurous fire
n hand slaughter and gigantic deeds.
r parts the sceptred heralds call 660
ncil in the city gates; anon
eaded men and grave, with warriors mix'd
ple, and harangues are heard, but soon
ous opposition; till at last
lle age one rising, eminent 665
deport, spake much of right and wrong,
ce, of religion, truth and peace,
dgment from above: him old and young
ed, and had seiz'd with violent hands,
t a cloud descending snatch'd him thence 670
amid the throng; so violence
led, and oppression and sword-law,
gh all the plain, and refuge none was found.
was all in tears, and to his guide
ting turn'd full sad: "O what are these, 675
ministers, not men, who thus deal death
nly to men, and multiply
ousand-fold the sin of him who slew
other; for of whom such massacre
hey but of their brethren, men of men? 680
o was that just man, whom had not heaven
d, had in his righteousness been lost?"

whom thus Michael: "These are the product
e ill-mated marriages thou saw'st;
good with bad were match'd, who of themselves 685
to join; and by imprudence mix'd,
e prodigious births of body or mind.
ere these giants, men of high renown;
those days might only shall be admir'd,
dour and heroic virtue call'd; 690
rcome in battle, and subdue
, and bring home spoils with infinite

And what most merits fan
But he, the seventh from t
The only righteous in a w
And therefore hated, there
With foes, for daring sing
And utter odious truth, th
To judge them with his sa
Wrapp'd in a balmy cloud
Did, as thou saw'st, receiv
High in salvation and the
Exempt from death; to sh
Awaits the good, the rest
Which now direct thine ey

He look'd, and saw the fa
The brazen throat of war
All now was turn'd to joll
To luxury and riot, feast
Marrying or prostituting,
Rape or adultery, where p
Allur'd them; thence fro
At length a reverend sire
And of their doings great
And testified against thei

eir four wives; and God made fast the door.
ile the south wind rose, and with black wings
vering, all the clouds together drove
der heaven; the hills to their supply 740
and exhalation dusk and moist,
amain; and now the thicken'd sky
ark ceiling stood; down rush'd the rain
us, and continued till the earth
was seen; the floating vessel swam 745
, and secure with beaked prow
ing o'er the waves; all dwellings else
erwhelm'd, and them with all their pomp
der water roll'd; sea cover'd sea,
out shore; and in their palaces, 750
uxury late reign'd, sea-monsters whelp'd
bled; of mankind, so numerous late,
in one small bottom swam imbark'd.
'st thou grieve then, Adam, to behold
of all thy offspring, end so sad, 755
ation? thee another flood,
and sorrow a flood thee also drown'd,
k thee as thy sons; till gently rear'd
ngel, on thy feet thou stood'st at last,
comfortless, as when a father mourns 760
lren, all in view destroy'd at once;
ce to th' angel utter'dst thus thy plaint:

sions ill foreseen! better had
norant of future, so had borne
of evil only, each day's lot 765
to bear; those now, that were dispens'd
len of many ages, on me light
by my foreknowledge gaining birth
, to torment me ere their being,
ought that they must be. Let no man seek
th to be foretold what shall befall 771
his children; evil he may be sure,
neither his foreknowing can prevent,
he future evil shall no less
hension than in substance feel, 775
s to bear: but that care now is past,
not whom to warn; those few escap'd,
and anguish will at last consume,
g that wat'ry desert. I had hope,

But I was far deceiv'd; f
Peace to corrupt no less
How comes it thus? unf
And whether here the ra

To whom thus Micha
saw'st
In triumph and luxuriou
First seen in acts of pro
And great exploits, but
Who having spilt much
Subduing nations, and
Fame in the world, hig
Shall change their cou
Surfeit, and lust, till w
Raise out of friendship
The conquer'd also, ar
Shall, with their freed
And fear of God, fron
In sharp contest of ba
Against invaders; th
Thenceforth shall pra
Worldly or dissolute,
Shall leave them to e

o sooner he, with them of man and beast
elect for life, shall in the ark be lodg'd,
nd shelter'd round, but all the cataracts
f heaven, set open on the earth, shall pour 825
ain, day and night; all fountains of the deep
roke up, shall heave the ocean to usurp
eyond all bounds, till inundation rise
bove the highest hills; then shall this mount
f Paradise by might of waves be mov'd 830
at of his place, push'd by the horned flood,
ith all his verdure spoil'd, and trees adrift,
own the great river to the opening gulf,
nd there take root, an island salt and bare,
he haunt of seals, and orcs, and sea-mews' clang:
o teach thee that God attributes to place 836
o sanctity, if none be thither brought
y men who there frequent, or therein dwell.
nd now what further shall ensue, behold."

He look'd, and saw the ark hull on the flood, 840
hich now abated; for the clouds were fled,
riven by a keen north wind, that blowing dry
rinkled the face of deluge, as decay'd;
nd the clear sun on his wide wat'ry glass
az'd hot, and of the fresh wave largely drew, 845
s after thirst, which made their flowing shrink
om standing lake to tripping ebb, that stole
ith soft foot tow'rds the deep, who now had stopp'd
is sluices, as the heaven his windows shut. 849
he ark no more now floats, but seems on ground,
ast on the top of some high mountain fix'd,
nd now the tops of hills as rocks appear;
ith clamour thence the rapid currents drive
ow'rds the retreating sea their furious tide.
orthwith from out the ark a raven flies, 855
nd after him, the surer messenger,
dove, sent forth once and again to spy
reen tree or ground whereon his foot may light;
he second time returning, in his bill
n olive-leaf he brings, pacific sign: 860
non dry ground appears, and from his ark
he ancient sire descends with all his train;
hen with uplifted hands and eyes devout,
ateful to heaven, over his head beholds

At this last sight, assur
With all the creatures,
Far less I now lament f
Of wicked sons destroy
For one man found so p
That God vouchsafes t
From him, and all his a
But say, what mean tho
Distended as the brow o
Or serve they as a flowe
The fluid skirts of that s
Lest it again dissolve an

To whom th' archange
So willingly doth God re
Though late repenting h
Griev'd at his heart, wh
The whole earth fill'd wi
Corrupting each their wa
Such grace shall one just
That he relents, not to bl
And makes a covenant n
The earth again by flood
Surpass his bounds, nor

PARADISE LOST.

BOOK XII.

THE ARGUMENT.

: angel Michael continues from the flood to relate ›hat shall succeed; then, in the mention of Abraham, omes by degrees to explain who that seed of the oman shall be which was promised Adam and Eve ı the fall. His incarnation, death, resurrection, nd ascension; the state of the church till his second oming. Adam, greatly satisfied and recomforted by ese relations and promises, descends the hill with Iichael; wakens Eve, who all this while had slept, ut with gentle dreams composed to quietness of mind nd submission. Michael in either hand leads them ut of Paradise, the fiery sword waving behind them, nd the Cherubim taking their stations to guard the lace.

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one who in his journey baits at noon,
y' bent on speed; so here the archangel paus'd
wixt the world destroy'd and world restor'd,
.dam ought perhaps might interpose;
en with transition sweet new speech resumes. 5

Thus thou hast seen one world begin and end;
l man as from a second stock proceed.
ch thou hast yet to see, but I perceive
r mortal sight to fail; objects divine
st needs impair and weary human sense. 10
ceforth what is to come I will relate,
u therefore give due audience, and attend.

Of sacrificing bullock,
With large wine-offerin
Shall spend their days i
Long time in peace, by
Under paternal rule: ti
Of proud ambitious hea
With fair equality, frat
Will arrogate dominion
Over his brethren, and
Concord and law of nat
Hunting (and men, not
With war and hostile sn
Subjection to his empire
A mighty hunter thence
Before the Lord, as in d
Or from heaven claiming
And from rebellion shall
Though of rebellion oth
He with a crew, whom
With him or under him
Marching from Eden tov
The plain, wherein a bl
Boils out from under gro
Of brick, and of that st
A city and tower, whose
And get themselves a na
In foreign lands their m

erstood, till hoarse, and all in rage,
'd, they storm: great laughter was in heaven,
ing down, to see the hubbub strange 60
the din; thus was the building left
is, and the work Confusion nam'd."

to thus Adam fatherly displeas'd:
rable son, so to aspire
s brethren, to himself assuming 65
y usurp'd, from God not given:
us only over beast, fish, fowl,
absolute; that right we hold
mation; but man over men
not lord: such title to himself 70
g, human left from human free.
usurper his encroachment proud
on man; to God his tower intends
l defiance. Wretched man! what food
convey up thither to sustain 75
and his rash army, where thin air
e clouds will pine his entrails gross,
sh him of breath, if not of bread?"

om thus Michael: "Justly thou abhorr'st
, who on the quiet state of men 80
ible brought, affecting to subdue
liberty; yet know withal,
original lapse, true liberty
hich always with right reason dwells
nd from her hath no dividual being. 85
man obscur'd, or not obey'd,
ely inordinate desires
art passions catch the government
son, and to servitude reduce
hen free. Therefore since he permits 90
imself unworthy powers to reign
reason, God in judgment just
im from without to violent lords;
is undeservedly inthral
ard freedom: tyranny must be, 95
the tyrant thereby no excuse,
times nations will decline so low
ue, which is reason, that no wrong,
, and some fatal curse annex'd,
hem of their outward liberty, 100

To leave them to their o
And one peculiar nation
From all the rest, of wh
A nation from one faithf
Him on this side Euphr
Bred up in idol-worship.
(Canst thou believe?) sh
While yet the patriarch
As to forsake the living
To worship their own w
For gods! Yet him Go
To call by vision from h
His kindred and false g
Which he will show hi
A mighty nation, and u
His benediction so, that
All nations shall be bles
Not knowing to what le
I see him, but thou cans
He leaves his gods, his
Ur of Chaldea, passing
To Haran, after him a c
Of herds, and flocks, a
Not wand'ring poor, bu
With God, who call'd h
Canaan he now attains

Seir, that long ridge of hills.
that all nations of the earth
ed be blessed; by that seed
great Deliverer, who shall bruise
head; whereof to thee anon 150
be reveal'd. This patriarch bless'd,
l Abraham due time shall call
his son a grandchild leaves,
ith, in wisdom, and renown;
d with twelve sons increas'd departs
, to a land hereafter call'd 155
d by the river Nile;
lows, disgorging at seven mouths
to sojourn in that land,
ited by a younger son 160
rth; a son whose worthy deeds
be the second in that realm
there he dies, and leaves his race
a nation; and now grown,
sequent king, who seeks 165
overgrowth, as inmate guests
s; whence of guests he makes them

and kills their infant males:
ethren (those two brethren call
iron) sent from God to claim 170
m inthralment, they return
d spoil back to their promis'd land.
awless tyrant, who denies
r God, or message to regard,
ell'd by signs and judgments dire; 175
ed the rivers must be turn'd;
d flies, must all his palace fill
intrusion, and fill all the land;
st of rot and murrain die;
lains must all his flesh emboss, 180
ople; thunder mix'd with hail,
ith fire, must rend th' Egyptian sky,
th earth, devouring where it rolls;
urs not, herb, or fruit, or grain,
loud of locusts swarming down 185
l on the ground leave nothing green;
t overshadow all his bounds,
ness, and blot out three days;

As on dry land between two
Awed by the rod of Moses s
Divided, till his rescued gair
Such wondrous power God
Though present in his angel
Before them in a cloud, and
By day a cloud, by night a p
To guide them in their jour
Behind them, while th' obdu
All night he will pursue, bu
Darkness defends between t
Then through the fiery pills
God, looking forth, will trou
And craze their chariot-whe
Moses once more his potent
Over the sea ; the sea his re
On their embattled ranks th
And overwhelm their war :
Safe towards Canaan, from
Through the wild desert, no
Lest ent'ring on the Canaar
War terrify'd them inexper
Return them back to Egypt
Inglorious life with servitud

deliverance. But the voice of God 235
ear is dreadful; they beseech
s might report to them his will,
cease; he grants what they besought,
hat to God is no access
ediator, whose high office now 240
gure bears, to introduce
, of whose day he shall foretell,
prophets in their age, the times
essiah shall sing. Thus laws and rites
such delight hath God in men, 245
his will, that he vouchsafes
m to set up his tabernacle,
One with mortal men to dwell:
cript a sanctuary is fram'd
erlaid with gold, therein 250

To whom thus Michae
Will reign among them a
And, therefore, was law
Their natural pravity, by
Sin against law to fight;
Law can discover sin, but
Save by those shadowy e
The blood of bulls and go
Some blood more precious
Just for unjust, that in su
To them by faith imputed
Justification towards God
Of conscience, which the l
Cannot appease, nor man
Perform, and, not perform
So law appears imperfect,
With purpose to resign th
Up to a better covenant, c
From shadowy types to t
From imposition of strict
Acceptance of large grace
To filial, works of law to
And therefore shall not M
Highly belov'd, being but

rrevocable, that his regal throne
'or ever shall endure; the like shall sing
All prophecy, that of the royal stock 32
Of David (so I name this king) shall rise
A Son, the woman's seed to thee foretold,
Foretold to Abraham, as in whom shall trust
All nations, and to kings foretold, of kings
The last, for of his reign shall be no end. 33
But first a long succession must ensue,
And his next son, for wealth and wisdom fam'd,
The clouded ark of God, till then in tents
Wand'ring, shall in a glorious temple inshrine.
Such follow him as shall be register'd 33
Part good, part bad; of bad the longer scroll,
Whose foul idolatries, and other faults,
Heap'd to the popular sum, will so incense
God, as to leave them, and expose their land
Their city, his temple, and his holy ark, 34
With all his sacred things, a scorn and prey
To that proud city, whose high walls thou saw'st
Left in confusion, Babylon thence call'd.
There in captivity he lets them dwell
The space of seventy years, then brings them back,
Rememb'ring mercy, and his covenant sworn 34
To David, stablish'd as the days of heaven.
Return'd from Babylon, by leave of kings,
Their lords, whom God dispos'd, the house of God
They first re-edify, and for a while 35
In mean estate live moderate, till grown
In wealth and multitude, factious they grow;
But first among the priests dissention springs,
Men who attend the altar, and should most
Endeavour peace: their strife pollution brings 35
Upon the temple itself; at last they seize
The sceptre, and regard not David's sons.
Then lose it to a stranger, that the true
Anointed king Messiah might be born
Barr'd of his right: yet at his birth a star, 36
Unseen before in heaven, proclaims him come
And guides the eastern sages, who inquire
His place, to offer incense, myrrh, and gold.
His place of birth a solemn angel tells
To simple shepherds, keeping watch by night;
They gladly thither haste, and by a chor
Of squadron'd angels hear his carol sung

Surcharg'd as had,
Without the vent of

"O prophet of gla
Of utmost hope! no
What oft my steadies
Why our great expe
The Seed of Woman
High in the love of H
Thou shalt proceed, a
Of God Most High;
Needs must the serpe
Expect with mortal p
Their fight, what strok

To whom thus Mich
As of a duel, or the lo
Of head or heel: not t
Manhood to Godhead,
Thy enemy; Nor so is
Satan, whose fall from
Disabled not to give the
Which he, who comes t
Not by destroying Sata
In thee and in

o save them, not their own, though legal works.
or this he shall live hated, be blasphem'd, 411
iz'd on by force, judg'd, and to death condemn'd
shameful and accurs'd, nail'd to the cross
r his own nation, slain for bringing life;
it to the cross he nails thy enemies, 415
he law that is against thee, and the sins
f all mankind, with him there crucified,
ever to hurt them more who rightly trust
this his satisfaction; so he dies,
it soon revives; death over him no power 420
iall long usurp; ere the third dawning light
eturn, the stars of morn shall see him rise
it of his grave, fresh as the dawning light
hy ransom paid, which man from death redeems,
is death for man, as many as offer'd life 425
eglect not, and the benefit embrace
r faith not void of works. This godlike act
nnuls thy doom, the death, thou shouldst have died,
sin for ever lost from life; this act 429
iall bruise the head of Satan, crush his strength,
efeating Sin and Death, his two main arms,
nd fix far deeper in his head their stings
han temp'ral death shall bruise the victor's heel,
r theirs whom he redeems, a death-like sleep,
gentle wafting to immortal life. 435
or after resurrection shall he stay
onger on earth than certain times t' appear
o his disciples, men who in his life
ill follow'd him; to them shall leave in charge
o teach all nations what of him they learn'd 440
nd his salvation, them who shall believe
aptizing in the profluent stream, the sign
f washing them from guilt of sin to life
ure, and in mind prepar'd, if so befall,
r death, like that which the Redeemer died. 445
ll nations they shall teach; for from that day
ot only to the sons of Abraham's loins
lvation shall be preach'd, but to the sons
f Abraham's faith wherever through the world;
in his seed all nations shall be bless'd. 450
hen to the heaven of heavens shall he ascend
ith victory, triumphing through the air
er his foes and thine; there shall surprise
e serpent, prince of air, and drag in chains

To judge th' unfaithful dead,
His faithful, and receive them
Whether in heaven or earth, f
Shall all be Paradise, far happ
Than this of Eden, and far h

So spake the archangel Mi
As at the world's great period
Replete with joy and wonder,

"O goodness infinite! good
That all this good of evil shal
And evil turn to good; more
Than that which by creation
Light out of darkness! Full
Whether I should repent me
By me done and occasion'd, o
Much more, that much more g
To God more glory, more go
From God, and over wrath g
But say, if our Deliverer up
Must re-ascend, what will b
His faithful, left among th' u
The enemies of truth? whe

th inward consolations recompens'd, 495
d oft supported so as shall amaze
eir proudest persecutors: for the Spirit
ır'd first on his Apostles, whom he sends
evangelize the nations, then on all
ptiz'd, shall them with wondrous gifts endue 500
speak all tongues, and do all miracles,
did their Lord before them. Thus they win
eat numbers of each nation to receive
ith joy the tidings brought from heaven: at length,
eir ministry perform'd, and race well run, 505
eir doctrine and their story written left,
ey die; but in their room, as they forewarn,
olves shall succeed for teachers, grievous wolves,
ho all the sacred mysteries of heaven
their own vile advantages shall turn 510
lucre and ambition, and the truth
ith superstitions and traditions taint,
ft only in those written records pure,
ough not but by the Spirit understood.
en shall they seek to avail themselves of names,
ices, and titles, and with these to join 515
cular power, though feigning still to act
spiritual, to themselves appropriating
e Spirit of God, promis'd alike and given
all believers; and from that pretence, 520
iritual laws by carnal power shall force
every conscience; laws which none shall find
ft them enroll'd, or what the Spirit within
all on the heart engrave. What will they then
t force the Spirit of grace itself, and bind 525
s consort Liberty? What, but unbuild
s living temples, built by faith to stand,
eir own faith not another's? for on earth
ho against faith and conscience can be heard
allible? Yet many will presume: 530
hence heavy persecution shall arise
all who in the worship persevere
spirit and truth; the rest far greater part,
ill deem in outward rites and specious forms
ligion satisfied; truth shall retire 535
struck with slaud'rous darts, and works of faith
rely be found: so shall the world go on,
good malignant, to bad men benign,
der her own weight groaning, till the day

From the conflagrant mass,
New heavens, new earth, ag
Founded in righteousness, a
To bring forth fruits, joy an

He ended; and thus Ada
"How soon hath thy predict
Measur'd this transient wor
Till time stand fix'd? beyor
Eternity, whose end no eye
Greatly instructed I shall he
Greatly in peace of thought,
Of knowledge, what this ves
Beyond which was my folly
Henceforth I learn, that to o
And love with fear the only
As in his presence, ever to o
His providence, and on him
Merciful over all his works,
Still overcoming evil, and by
Accomplishing great things,
Subverting worldly strong,
By simply meek: that suffe
Is fortitude to highest victor

Add virtue, patience, temperance, add love,
By name to come call'd charity, the soul
Of all the rest: then wilt thou not be loath 585
To leave this Paradise, but shalt possess
A Paradise within thee, happier far.
Let us descend now, therefore, from this top
Of speculation; for the hour precise
Exacts our parting hence; and see the guards, 590
By me encamp'd on yonder hill, expect
Their motion, at whose front a flaming sword,
In signal of remove, waves fiercely round:
We may no longer stay. Go, waken Eve;
Her also I with gentle dreams have calm'd, 595
Portending good, and all her spirits compos'd
To meek submission: thou at season fit
Let her with thee partake what thou hast heard,
Chiefly what may concern her faith to know,
The great deliverance by her seed to come, 600
(For by the Woman's Seed) on all mankind;
That ye may live, which may be many days,
Both in one faith unanimous though sad,
With cause, for evils past, yet much more cheer'd
With meditation on the happy end." 605

He ended, and they both descend the hill;
Descended, Adam to the bower where Eve
Lay sleeping ran before, but found her wak'd:
And thus with words not sad she him receiv'd:

"Whence thou return'st, and whither went'st I know; 610
For God is also in sleep, and dreams advise
Which he hath sent propitious, some great good
Presaging, since with sorrow and heart's distress
Wearied I fell asleep: but now lead on;
In me is no delay; with thee to go 615
Is to stay here; without thee here to stay,
Is to go hence unwilling; thou to me
Art all things under heaven, all places thou,
Who for my wilful crime art banish'd hence.
This further consolation yet secure 620
Carry hence; though all by me is lost,
Such favour I unworthy am vouchsaf'd,
By me the promis'd Seed shall all restore."

The brandish'd sword of
Fierce as a comet; whic
And vapour as the Libya
Began to parch that temp
In either hand the hast'n
Our lingering parents, an
Led them direct, and dow
To the subjected plain;
They, looking back, all t
Of Paradise, so late their
Wav'd over by that flam
With dreadful faces thro
Some natural tears they
soon.
The world was all before
Their place of rest, and
They, hand in hand, wit
Through Eden took their

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